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Ignatius to get nicer home

Alyssa Brown
Asst. Campus Editor

The John Carroll trademark statue of St. Ignatius of Loyola, more commonly known as “St. Iggy,” will soon be surrounded by quite the array of scenery.

Currently, the statue of St. Ignatius stands in front of St. Francis Chapel, right in the heart of campus. The statue, given to JCU’s campus on the 35th reunion year of the class of 1962, has been a landmark since it became one of the most recognizable features of campus in 1997.

Carol Dietz, associate vice president of facilities, explained that the construction for a brick paver walkway has been in discussion amongst the Office of Alumni Relations and the facilities department for over a year.

“The St. Ignatius Plaza was identified as a good location in the fall. Berj Shakarian, one of the facilities project managers, developed the initial concept and has been working with Advancement to complete the design.”

Construction and design plans include an amount of symbolism to JCU’s and St. Ignatius’ ties to religious values. The plans consist of a staggered cross design layout symbolizing the suffering of Christ for humanity, a round table and stools for reflection and reading, three-dimensional letters at the foundation promenade depicting the Jesuits’ motto: “Ad maiorem Dei gloriam” (“For the greater glory of God”) and a social area with a grouping of four benches illustrating the four vows of St. Ignatius: poverty, chastity and obedience to Christ and the pope.

To pull together the new look of the plaza, the most-discussed update is the plan for a fountain. It is expected to consist of a sculptural trough allowing water to flow in thin sheets. This will represent the wellspring of life.

Shakarian, the project manager, has been in charge of the update.

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An artist rendering of proposed renovations.

Photo from jcu.edu

Bedbug found, nipped in Hamlin

Dan Cooney
Managing Editor

Sleeping tight and not letting the bedbugs bite took on a whole new meaning in Hamlin Hall over the past couple of weeks.

A member of the housekeeping staff found a single bedbug in the public bathroom in the basement of Hamlin on Feb. 1. After a search of the residence hall was conducted on Feb. 8, no other bedbugs were found.

Mike Roeder, John Carroll’s manager of facilities services, said once the bedbug was found, a plan of action was developed. He said finding the bedbug in a room near the laundry room factored into their decision to inspect the entire building.

“Maybe somebody brought [their clothes] down and [the bedbug] came in their laundry basket, so I didn’t

know,” Roeder said.

Director of Residence Life Lisa Brown wasn’t sure if finding only one bug was just an isolated incident.

“Given how widespread those bugs are nationally and internationally right now, we thought it would be better to err on the side of caution and check out the whole building, versus not do anything and have a larger issue on our hands,” she said.

After Roeder identified through an exterminator that the bug found was, in fact, a bedbug, Brown said both Residence Life and facilities “needed to explore the best plan of action.”

“We talked about what would be the most cost-effective and efficient way to do it, and it was determined to use the exterminator and the bedbug dog,” Roeder said.

Residents of Hamlin were informed via email and a hard letter dated Feb. 6

that a mandatory inspection would take place that Wednesday, Feb. 8. Brown said logistics caused the weeklong delay from the time the bug was found to the time residents were notified.

“We also needed to work with the availability of Nips [the bed bug sniffing dog] in order to move forward. After the inspection was scheduled, we wanted to make sure we provided residents information when staff would be available in case questions arose,” Brown said via email. “As a result, we determined it was best to notify residents when we did [and not over the weekend].”

Sophomore Deirdre Brown, who lives in Hamlin, said that, ironically, one of her friends told her not to let the bedbugs bite the night before she read the email from Residence Life.

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JCU continues efforts to tackle diversity

Ryllie Danylko
Staff Writer

It’s no secret that diversity is an ongoing conversation at John Carroll. A Campus Climate Report, which was completed in February 2010, found that faculty, staff, and administrators who identified as “people of color,” rated their perception of discrimination at JCU with an average of 3 out of 4, in which case three corresponded to discrimination as, “a very serious problem.”

Despite the Jesuit philosophy of justice and solidarity, there are still instances of bias and prejudice that occur on campus. In response, the Rev. Robert L. Niehoff, S.J., president of JCU, sent an email out to the JCU community on Feb. 3 introducing a campaign titled “Stop Bias: Be Informed, Be Involved, Be Empowered,” whose goal is to “help us work toward the goal of eliminating hostility directed at members of our community simply for who they are.”


Niehoff has made increasing diversity a priority since his inauguration in 2005. In the email he said, “While we have increased the diversity of our student and staff populations, there is room for improvement. We need to make more progress in increasing the diversity of our faculty, for example.”

Niehoff plans to make the initiative a permanent effort, even creating a chief diversity officer position in the near future.

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Photos from jcu.edu/bias



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Campus Briefs

F.A.C.E.S. presents ‘Breaking Down the Barriers’

F.A.C.E.S. of John Carroll University presents “Breaking Down the Barriers” a free workshop on safety & service. “Breaking Down The Barriers” is a workshop that aims to empower individuals to take control of their personal safety in their daily activities, with advice from one of America’s most recognized and respected experts in the industry, Pat Malone.

“Breaking Down the Barriers” will be held in Dolan Center for Science and Technology’s Donahue Auditorium, Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, email Jeanniece Jackson at jjackson12@jcu.edu or visit: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/FACES/155133847859571?sk=wall>.

Poetry reading with Simon Armitage

Simon Armitage, one of the most high-profile poets in England, will give a reading of selected works on Monday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in Rodman Hall.

He is the recipient of nearly all the top awards for poetry in the United Kingdom, including the Sunday Times Young Author of the Year, a Gregory Award, and a Forward Prize. Armitage is the author of 12 books of poetry, including “The Book of Matches,” “The Universal Home Doctor” and “Zoom!”

For more information, contact George Bilgere at gbilgere@jcu.edu.

JCU bio grad student given national grant

Sean Harrington, a biology graduate student at JCU, has been awarded the 2011–12 Charles Stearns Memorial Grant-In-Aid for Herpetological Research from the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco.

Harrington plans to study skeletal data from salamander specimens, part of the academy’s world-class collection of reptiles and amphibians. The research will expand the number of species he can analyze for his thesis exploring the skeletal development and evolution of amphibians.

Harrington is the third biology graduate student from JCU to receive the Charles Stearns Memorial Grant-In-Aid since 2003.

Clarifications on possible curriculum changes

Brian Bayer
Campus Editor

Last week, The Carroll News printed a story titled “Core changes in the works.” Many parts of this article were not accurate, and on behalf of The CN editorial board, I apologize for the inaccuracy and incompleteness of the article.

The following addendums and revisions to last week’s article are based on a meeting with Jeanne Colleran, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Gwen Compton-Engle, the director of the University core curriculum.

In 2009, Provost and Academic Vice President John Day created the Academic Planning Task Force, charged with three tasks:

- 1) To produce a document that articulates and confirms the academic mission of John Carroll University.
- 2) To create a set of academic learning outcomes that explains the academic values that students should have upon receipt of an undergraduate degree from JCU.
- 3) To begin the process of looking at processes.

This multiphase endeavor is still in its mid-developmental phases, and no specific changes have been decided on yet. Based on the initial report from the task force, given to Day, it was decided that working groups should be convened to address the interrelated issues around academic excellence, remaining within the scope of the University mission statement.

In the article printed last week, we failed to mention that the curriculum committee was only one of several committees established by the Academic Planning Task Force, which is in its third year with no concrete end in the near future.

The committees that are part of the task force include committees on advising, faculty workload, interdisciplinary and new program

development, teaching excellence and a curriculum committee.

Furthermore, any changes that will take place will not affect students currently enrolled at JCU. Students must complete the requirements under the bulletin of the year in which they begin their undergraduate degree. Compton-Engle emphasized that no matter what changes are made, current students’ core requirements are not in flux.

It is important for the campus community to know that right now, the faculty is seeking input on what are the desired outcomes of an undergraduate or graduate education at JCU.

Although each committee has discussed curriculum changes, no final curriculum models have been decided on or presented to Day. And according to Colleran, a report is a long way from being presented.

Once these recommendations have been assembled into a report and presented, the entire faculty will vote on the changes.

The questions the task force and committees are working to answer include queries like:

What are some foundational competencies that a JCU student should leave with? What are good modes of delivery of classes (single-taught vs. team-taught)? How are the Jesuit ideals represented in courses?

The committee is currently in the phase of their investigation where they are looking into answering these questions and others on a broad scale for each academic department. However, according to Compton-Engle, they are far from a point where they can decide on specific allocation of credits or designation of new courses.

The claim last week that certain philosophy courses might be interchangeable with religion courses was incorrect. This suggestion was brought up by a student at a Student Union meeting. It was not made by the committee, and the curriculum committee has never discussed this. Also, changes to the first-year seminar courses are not a prominent focus of the committee, as the article last week suggested.

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“I felt a little bit freaked out,” she said.

According to Brown, Nips worked in tandem with its handler and The General Pest Control Co., along with Roeder and Housing Operations Assistant Don Fatica. Nips found no more bedbugs in Hamlin.

“There was one area where the dog indicated something, but the handler and the exterminator checked thoroughly and there were no further areas of concern,” Brown said. “I don’t know what set the dog off.”

Roeder said that it would not have made sense to search other buildings for bedbugs.

“That one [bug] could have come from anywhere, and why would I stop at the dorms? Why wouldn’t I go to every building on campus?” he said. “At what point do you say, ‘For one?’ Why don’t we just educate?”

Roeder said that more information about bedbugs would probably be out next fall to inform students about the pests. He also said this was not the first time JCU has encountered a bedbug situation. Last summer, the facilities department dealt with a minor situation that was confined to one room. The problem was taken care of, Roeder said.

The fact that bedbugs aren’t an issue here at JCU is quite impressive, according to Roeder.

“[Any] exterminator will tell you that he can’t believe our good fortune because we have a very transient population,” he said. “Our kids [go] other places [and] people come here.”

Bedbugs have been a problem recently on numerous college campuses. According to a recent story in the Omaha World-Herald, over the past five years, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Iowa State University, Stanford University, Penn State University, The Ohio State University and Yale University are some of the many schools that have had issues.

According to the Cuyahoga County Bedbug Task Force, adult bedbugs usually measure one-quarter inch long and have a reddish-brown color.

“They don’t fly,” said Roeder, who has taken classes to inform himself about bedbugs. “They get places by latching on.”

The fast-crawling critters can hide in mattresses, box springs, headboards, backpacks, suitcases, gym bags and futons, among other places. They have not been found to transmit diseases, according to Roeder. However, they can cause welts from excessive scratching of their bites.

Roeder and Brown urge students to educate themselves about bedbugs. More information about them can be found on the Cuyahoga County Bedbug Task Force website at <http://cuyahogabedbugs.org/>.

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Lauren Bowen, the chair of the Diversity Steering Committee as well as an associate academic vice president, said that she witnesses acts of bias in her classroom. “The ones I tend to be aware of or observe are almost always unintentional. People say insensitive things and I hear later that a student felt stereotyped or misunderstood because of their sex or religion or sexual orientation.”

A large part of the initiative is giving those on campus who witness or experience bias the resources to report it. This will be possible with a bias reporting form that can be found at go.jcu.edu/stopbias.

According to Niehoff’s email, “A response team will receive every report and will investigate and respond to reports in a timely and appropriate manner.”

Bowen said, “The ultimate goal is to eradicate acts of bias, and by those we mean intentional as well as unintentional actions

that target people on the basis of their identity and make them feel unwelcome.”

“I think it’s a very good idea,” said Candy West, who has worked at Einstein Bros. Bagels on campus for 10 years. She approves of Niehoff’s vision for a more diverse campus. She said that while she loves working at Einstein’s and interacting with the students, she thinks “the school should have more diversity.”

Students seem to be in favor of the initiative as well. Junior Karen Stetner thinks the lack of diversity is most apparent in the student body.

“I’ve had teachers of different race and religion,” she said. Stetner also believes that the initiative is “important for everything that JCU stands for. It’s important that they project that to the outside world and also the students.”

Sophomore Kirsten Hagerty agrees. “Diversity is a very important aspect of a college campus and I’m glad our faculty is trying to create more of it at John Carroll,” she said.

“The ultimate goal is to eradicate acts of bias that target people on the basis of their identity and make them feel unwelcome.”

– Lauren Bowen
Associate Academic Vice President for Academic Programs and Faculty Diversity

Campus Safety Log



February 6, 2012
Breaking and entering in the Administration Building reported at 3:27 p.m. The investigation is pending.

February 9, 2012
Theft reported at 1:12 p.m. in the Belvoir Lot.

February 9, 2012
Drug paraphernalia found in Campion Hall at 4:05 p.m.

These incidents are taken from the files of Campus Safety Services, located in the lower level of the Lombardo Student Center. For more information, contact x1615.

St. Ignatius Plaza looks forward to a new landscape

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“He has been working with a fountain consultant. The project has not been bid yet, so we don’t know who the contractor(s) will be,” Dietz explained.

As of right now, the kickoff of the project will depend on donations from staff, students, faculty, alumni and friends provided by the purchasing of nameplate bricks.

Purchased bricks will make up the three

sidewalks that form the triangular shape of the design, and the area will be rebuilt to incorporate the pavers.

These bricks are now on sale, and all of the proceeds will go to the funding of the project.

The 4x8 inch bricks will cost \$125 and come in one of three different colors.

The 16x16 inch pavers will cost \$1,886 each.

“The construction timetable is highly

dependent on fundraising. Hopefully, construction will take place in the spring and summer of 2013,” Dietz said.

“Money raised beyond the cost of the project will benefit programs in Campus Ministry.”

Students seem very excited for the project to begin.

Senior Lauren Halladay said, “I think the new St. Ignatius Plaza is going to add a great deal to campus. Not only does it

seem like a gathering place, but I think that it has the ability to tie together John Carroll students, past, present and future.”

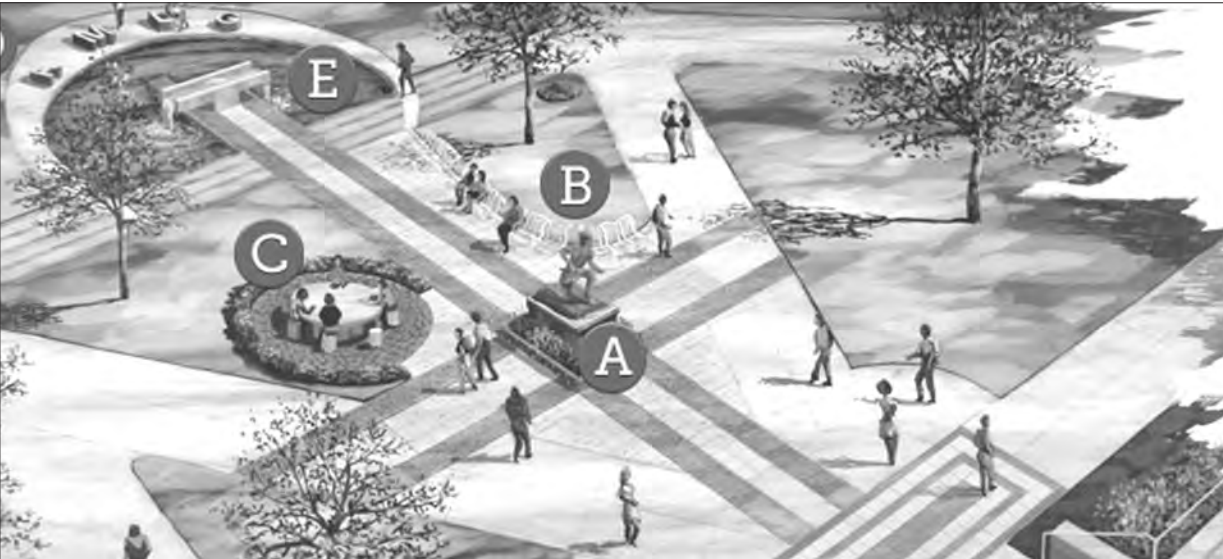
Junior Marisa Rodriguez agreed. “I’m really excited to see the finished product and to hope the future students of JCU will appreciate Ignatius and his values that he brings to our school,” she said.

More information about the project and purchasing a brick can be found at <http://sites.jcu.edu/plaza/pages>.



Photo by Brian Bayer

Current view of St. Ignatius Plaza from St. Francis Chapel.



Depiction and information from www.jcu.edu/plaza

A rendering of the components of the new plaza:

A) The staggered cross design symbolizes the suffering of Christ for humanity.

B) The plan includes a social area with a grouping of four benches illustrating the four vows of St. Ignatius: poverty, chastity, obedience to Christ, and obedience to the pope.

C) The round table and stools provide for reflection and reading.

D) The three-dimensional letters at the foundation promenade depict the Jesuits’ motto: Ad maiorem Dei gloriam (AMDG), “For the greater glory of God.”

E) To create an image of paradise with the introduction of water. The fountain, a sculptural trough, allows for water flowing in thin sheets, representing the wellspring of life.

Councilman, alumnus Joe Cimperman returns to JCU

Brian Bayer
Campus Editor

In 1991, before many current JCU students were even born, Joe Cimperman was already a major voice in local politics. He stood in a black suit before the JCU student body, having just been elected Student Union president. Twenty years later, Cimperman once again stood before the student body, this time as a long-time member of Cleveland City Council.

Last Wednesday, Feb. 8, Cimperman came to JCU to discuss the issues that are currently affecting Cleveland’s urban and suburban communities.

His visit was part of an Arrupe project for seniors Deni Klein, Michelle Spangler, and Jeff and John Hatgas.

In their sophomore and junior years, they put together mini-immersion experiences to the city of Cleveland to work with the homeless. During these, they met Cimperman.

“He’s so charismatic that [we thought] he would be perfect to speak,” said Spangler.

His main focus was poverty and homelessness, which is impacting an increasing number of people locally and nationally.

“He did a wonderful job of encompassing that [poverty and homelessness] in his speech,” said Spangler.

Cimperman is currently the chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee for the city of Cleveland and works with other developmental programs for the economy and public works.

“The city of Cleveland is facing some pretty serious issues right now,” said Cimperman.

Cleveland has ranked in the top five poorest cities in the nation for several years now. This is a problem that must be addressed, said Cimperman.

He defined three specific types of poverty that the city is experiencing, and they are all interrelated: economic, spiritual and civic poverty.

As he explained, when an area suffers economically, then their spiritual poverty also goes down. He described this as the “sin of despair,” meaning that those people who are in serious financial trouble also tend to lose hope of recovery.

This leads to civic poverty – people’s lack of enthusiasm in their community. “[This is] the most devastating cancer Cleveland has ever experienced,” he said.

The problem doesn’t stop at the East Cleveland border, he said – poverty is spreading. The proof is evident when comparing the neighboring communities of Lyndhurst and Hough.

According to Cimperman, because of diet and smoking problems, people in Hough have a shorter life expectancy by 24 years.

However, the outlook isn’t completely bleak. The key, he said, is giving the impoverished people of the city a chance to regain their confidence.

Local farmers markets have been a huge asset to the economic enrichment that Cimperman said will be the redemption of Cleveland.

Currently, Cleveland has more farmers markets than it ever has before. However, these initiatives only go so far.

“This is why we need more Jesuit-educated people in politics,” he said. “We have to lead by example ... People respond to being loved, to being treated like human beings.”

Because of the Ignatian values, Cimperman feels that JCU students are the best-equipped people to promote change in this impoverished social and economic climate.

Ultimately, the biggest elements of change are race, class and educational status, according to Cimperman.

He encouraged JCU students to take action and work to create change in their community, emphasizing the importance of building urban farmers markets, changing diets, getting citizens healthier, stopping smoking and improv-

ing education.

He urged, “Please stay engaged in your community.”

Freshman Nicole Shellenbarger said, “I took a lot away from it. I found it impactful because he graduated from John Carroll and is doing great things with his education.”

Students interested in working with Cimperman towards a healthier and more enriched city can contact him at jocimperman@gmail.com or visit healthycleveland.com.



Photo from historyguy.com

Councilman Cimperman.

CAMPUS CALENDAR : FEB. 16 – FEB. 22

16	Thursday	17	Friday	18	Saturday	19	Sunday	20	Monday	21	Tuesday	22	Ash Wednesday
SUPB hosts “Kindergarten Night” from 9-11 p.m. in the LSC atrium.		SUPB On Campus Movie Night from 9-11:30 p.m. in the Jardine Room.		Women’s basketball game vs. Marietta College, 3 p.m. DeCarlo Varsity Center.		Mass in St. Francis Chapel at 6 and 10 p.m.		Mass in St. Francis Chapel at 12:05 p.m.		Backpacks 2 Briefcases networking event, register at www.jcu.edu/backpacks .		Ashes will be distributed at 12 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 5:05 p.m. and 10 p.m. in St. Francis Chapel.	

Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening in Cleveland and campus this week!

2.17

Rock n' Reggae Festival

Beachland Ballroom and Tavern

8 p.m.

\$10

2.18

Tropic Ice Party

Cleveland

Professional 20/30

Club

9 p.m.

\$14

2.19

The Peking Acrobats

PlayhouseSquare

3 p.m.

\$10

2.20

Rusko

House of Blues

9 p.m.

\$28

2.21

Mardi Gras at Zocalo

Zocalo Mexican Grill

E. 4th St.

6 p.m.

No Cover Charge

2.22

Peter Frampton

Akron Civic Theater

7:30 p.m.

\$62

Not very memorable

New romantic movie 'The Vow' comes up short

MOVIE REVIEW

"The Vow"



Kara Simon
The Carroll News

"The Vow" seems like a perfect date movie. Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum, who play the lead roles, are fun together and are really what hold the movie up.

McAdams and Tatum play a couple, Paige and Leo, who are madly in love. But after a car accident, Paige ends up in a coma and wakes up with no memory of the last few years of her life — all the years she spent with Leo.

Leo has to not only get Paige to remember, but also to fall in love with him all over again. Great setup, right?

Director Michael Sucsy chooses to lump all of the problems in the beginning of the movie. An hour and a half in, I knew everything that needed to be resolved, but the cutesy romantic moments in the previews — the moments everyone was excited for, had only just begun and didn't last long.

Luckily for the audience, the acting is genuinely captivating and charming. McAdams and Tatum have an energetic chemistry that made the characters believable and people I'd want to know.

Paige's character is so funny throughout the movie. Rachel McAdams is really the perfect actress to play the part. There is a delightful scene where Leo informs her that she's a vegetarian — something else she for-

got after her accident — after she starts to eat a piece of bacon. McAdams plays this humor flawlessly as she picks the bacon back up when Leo walks out the door. It's little scenes like these that the actors execute so well that make the movie work.

A movie categorized as a romantic drama goes heavy on the drama while sprinkling a few romantic moments in for good measure. For a movie whose title is "The Vow," I'm not sure this was the way to go.

In the end, the movie ends up being more about family relationships rather than the specific love between two people.

If you're looking for a cute and cuddly romantic film for Valentine's Day, you're better off watching one of the classic Hollywood love stories. "The Vow" seems like it should fit that description, but it's more of a movie to catch on TV or rent with some friends.

Don't be so quick to shell out your \$12 for a ticket, plus \$7 for candy, plus \$12 more for your beautiful date.

The most romantic part of "The Vow" came at the end when the screen went black. Not to imply that the best part of the movie was the fact that it was ending, but at the end of the movie, text appears explaining what happened to the real-life couple that the film is inspired by.

Apparently, the woman never regained her memory of her husband, but he managed to make her fall for him again and they're now happily married with two kids.



Tatum and McAdams are charming as usual.

Photo from USA Today

It really does show how in love someone can be when they fall in love twice. The problem is that feeling isn't shown throughout the entire movie, which is probably what the director was going for but never really achieved.

"The Vow" is based on a beautiful real life story, has two great leading actors with fun chemistry, and some really adorable moments. It just doesn't do enough to set itself apart from other films of the same genre to make itself a memorable classic in any way. It's just standard fare. Nothing can save it, not even the two leads.

If you are too much of a sucker for romantic movies that you simply must go, see it with low expectations so you can at least justify your \$20 with a feeling of fulfillment. It won't change your life, but it'll make that hour and a half a little more enjoyable. Plus, Channing Tatum is a hottie.

"The Vow" promised to be the go-to romantic film this Valentine's Day. That's just a promise that it couldn't keep. Stick with the flowers and chocolate.



Rockin' in a winter wonderland

JCU alum-led recording studio, Bad Racket, sponsors local music festival

Ben DeVictor
Arts & Life Editor

When one pictures a music festival, the image that probably comes to mind is an outdoor stage on a hot summer day. Cleveland's local recording studio, Bad Racket, sees things a bit differently. It's looking to help put on a music festival right here in Cleveland this weekend, in the middle of frigid February.

Bad Racket, which is partially comprised of JCU alumni Thomas Fox and Adam Wagner, is sponsoring the Brite Winter music festival this Saturday at eight venues around Ohio City, completely free of charge.

The festival operates as its own non-profit entity under the Ohio City Inc. Community Development Corporation, but Bad Racket plans on helping make the festival as terrific as possible.

"[Brite Winter] began three years ago," said Fox. "A bunch of people got together in the middle of February and had a goofy party in the park with a whole bunch of bands playing in the snow. It was a terrible idea. Cleveland in the winter time could be freezing cold and you never know when we could get two tons of snow dropped on our back porch. Naturally I was on board."

And the festival has been

growing steadily every year. "We had about four times the bands in 2011 as in 2010, and we're keeping up that trend in 2012. Brite Winter is going to be very big this year," said Fox.

Very big, indeed. A total of 40 groups will be playing the festival this year, many of them clients of Bad Racket, and coming from all over.

A lot of the bands are from northeastern Ohio, but there are also a sprawling collection of bands from all over the country, such as Wild Rompit from Philadelphia, Black Taxi from Brooklyn, Bad Veins from Cincinnati, Black Shades from Kentucky and Jack & the Bear from Michigan.



Photo from cleveland.com

Great Lakes Brewing Company headlines a great list of venues.

"I'm really excited about the geographic diversity," said Fox. "You can't see these bands playing around Cleveland very often, and definitely not for free."

The venues are also part of the fun, with the list including Great Lakes Brewing Company, Bon Bon Bake Shop and Market Ave. Wine Bar. You can also purchase special tickets that get you travel mugs or pint glasses, and drinks at the venues.

How is Bad Racket able to make this festival free? "We're not making it free, the community is," said Fox. "There are literally hundreds of people pitching a little bit into a stone soup, including sponsors, business owners, community leaders, artists and musicians."

The steering committee wanted to make something fully accessible, something that proved that winter here can be awesome if we choose to make it so."

"Since Brite Winter is free, we can openly invite the entire region to come out and play, regardless of any predisposition to do otherwise."

It sounds like if you're a fan of good music and good spirits, Brite Winter Music Festival is calling your name. You might want to bring a jacket, though.

For more information on the festival, visit briterwintercleveland.com

The talented Booboo Stewart

The 'Twilight' star sits down with The Carroll News and talks about acting, his name and werewolves.

Booboo Stewart is not only an actor, but he is also a writer, a model, a dancer, a stuntman and a musician. He also plays Seth Clearwater in the massively successful "Twilight" film series. Booboo traveled to Cleveland last week to promote the DVD and Blu-ray release of "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I." – Interview by Sharonica Smedley

The Carroll News: How did you get the name Booboo?

Booboo Stewart: It's really just a nickname from my parents.

CN: What was it like working with Rob and Kristin?

BS: It was incredible! They're very nice people. I wasn't sure what they would be like at first but finally getting to meet them was really nice.

CN: Is it safe to say that your career blew up after "Eclipse"?

BS: It's definitely getting closer and it's going really good right now. It helps with music and roles for other movies.



CN: So I caught wind that you joined the "House of the Damned 3D" cast. Can you tell me what your role is going to be?

BS: Well, we're still in negotiations so I can't say much about it now. But I'm really excited to be a part of it.

CN: You are a quadruple threat. Do you have any other special talents?

BS: I can fold a shirt really fast!

CN: Out of everything that you do what is your favorite?

BS: Acting, for sure.

CN: In "Breaking Dawn," Seth transforms into a wolf. What would you transform into?

BS: A monkey. They're pretty cool.

CN: Was it fun playing a werewolf?

BS: It was great. I wish I had more input on what it looked like but they did such an incredible job making it look so realistic.

CN: What was the hardest thing about transforming from a teenager to a teen wolf?

BS: The hardest part was doing the voice-overs and making the growling noise. It was more embarrassing than hard, actually.

CN: As far as your future, what would be your dream role?

BS: I would love to play Aladdin in "Arabian Nights."

CN: So can you tell me what's in store for Seth in "Breaking Dawn Part II"?

BS: I wish I could say! But there is definitely going to be a lot of new characters and action to look forward to.

CN: Other than the movies, do you have any other upcoming projects?

BS: Well, I started in music so my sister and I still do our music. We will be going on tour in March. You should look it up, it's called Digitour.



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The "other" Stewart from "Twilight: Breaking Dawn."

The DVD and Blu-ray of "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I" starring Booboo Stewart as Seth Clearwater is available in stores now, and look forward to seeing more of Booboo in "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part II."

'Tramp' trumps and leaves you wanting more

Sharon Van Etten's new LP displays the promise of a young new artist

ALBUM REVIEW

"Tramp"



Michael Reiser
World News Editor

In a day and age where the path of women singer-songwriters is being blazed by the likes of Ingrid Michaelson and Regina Spektor, it's easy to forget the artists that have been influenced by their predecessors of the quickly staling genre.

Sharon Van Etten does not fall into the pit of irrelevancy like so many before her, but rather has branched off from the Michaelsons and Spektors and stumbled upon true originality, something that the music industry seems to have lacked of late.

Van Etten broke onto the music scene with her acclaimed second release, "Epic," in 2010. Embracing the modern folk sound with touches



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Van Etten refuses to become irrelevant.

of ambient guitars and pedal steel, Van Etten caught the attention of many as a new fresh sound and found success.

Many first heard of Van Etten through a release by Justin Vernon, of Alternative Album of the Year Grammy winners Bon Iver. The band did a cover of her song "Love More," which was quite popular.

Van Etten had some major help in putting together "Tramp." Recorded in critically acclaimed Cincinnati group The National's Aaron Dessner's garage recording studio, "Tramp" is a more maturely devel-

oped album than "Epic."

Dessner coincidentally has also worked with Bon Iver, most notably on the song "Big Red Machine."

Under Dessner's guidance, "Tramp's" tracks have a more natural flow this time around, climaxing in the middle with the emotional building of "All I Can." The album builds to this point, and then slowly comes down to the final track, "Joke or a Lie." Despite Dessner's guidance, Van Etten does not stray far from her own original sound and charm.

What makes this album a suc-

cess is, at times, it departs from the standard singer-songwriter ballads, the "refrain to chorus to refrain to chorus" formula for songs. What Van Etten succeeds at doing is disregarding this standard for parts of the album.

The ambient strings that call to mind fellow folk artist Andrew Bird or even Bon Iver are present on many of her songs, most notably "Joke or a Lie."

Van Etten does not fully escape these conventions of the singer-songwriter, though. The album is a little long at 12 tracks and 46:23 in length, and seems drawn out at times.

In the falling down from "All I Can" to the end, the album drags on until the final two songs. The simple harmonies used in "I'm Wrong" bring the listener back to attention.

Van Etten accomplishes much

here, but it is by no means a masterpiece. What's exciting about "Tramp," though, is she shows amazing signs of promise.

Her lyrics and threaded story are repetitive at times about leaving bad relationships in the dust, yet at the same time she uses poetry that isn't too abstract but isn't entirely jaded.

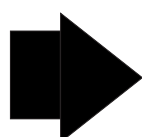
With songs like "Love More" and "All I Can," Van Etten's potential is not in question. "Tramp" gives us hope for what else is to come from this emerging artist.



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Van Etten with producer Aaron Dessner (right)

Pick-Up Line of the week



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Mentz's Minute



Zach Mentz
Sports Editor

Linsanity: Is Jeremy Lin the real deal?

Linsanity. Linsane in the membrane. Happy VaLINtines Day. Just Lin Baby.

By now, you've heard all of the puns and nicknames that have been made in the past week for New York Knicks point guard Jeremy Lin. Perhaps even more disturbing than Lin's long list of nicknames is the fact that SportsCenter and ESPN actually dedicate time to ranking these nicknames.

At this point, the only question on every NBA fan's mind when it comes to Lin is simple: Is he for real?

Considering the fact that Lin is an Asian-American, went to college at Harvard, was an undrafted rookie and was cut by both the Warriors and Rockets, what he has done as of late is nothing short of impressive. At the beginning of this month, a very small percentage of NBA fans would even recognize the name "Jeremy Lin" on a roster.

Is Jeremy Lin a talented basketball player? Absolutely. Is he taking the world, especially the Internet, by storm lately? Without a doubt. Can he keep this impressive style of play up for the remainder of the season? Eh, that's where I start to have my doubts.

In his last five games, his first five starts in the NBA, Lin is averaging 26.8 points per game, 8.0 assists and 4.2 rebounds per game while leading the Knicks to a win in each of those five games as well. Those are superstar numbers, without a doubt, but I'm not optimistic that Lin can sustain this jaw-dropping play for too much longer.

During that five-game stretch, Lin is shooting 63 percent on jumpshots from 16-23 feet and 55 percent on jumpshots from 10-15 feet. Those numbers are absolutely incredible for any player in this league, especially a second-year, undrafted kid from Harvard.

To put those numbers in perspective, Kobe Bryant's career high in a season on jumpshots in the 16-23 foot range is 44 percent. Right now, Lin is shooting almost 20 percent better than that mark. I wouldn't expect that to continue for the remainder of the season. Lin also is getting more shot opportunities as of late with both Carmelo Anthony and Amare Stoudemire currently injured for the Knicks. Therefore, it seems almost inevitable that Lin's opportunities will decrease once Anthony and Stoudemire return to the lineup. Taking all of that into consideration, it seems very unlikely that Lin can continue to put up these types of statistics all year long.

Then again, it seemed unlikely that he would be doing what he is right now in the first place.

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Men's basketball pulls off comeback victory over Wilmington

Despite trailing by 14 in the second half, JCU wins 84-82 in overtime

Spencer German
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Four quarters of basketball wasn't enough on Saturday, Feb. 11, as the Blue Streaks (16-6, 11-5 OAC) battled Wilmington (12-10, 10-6), hoping to stay in the hunt for the OAC Tournament's coveted No. 1 seed. Coming off of two straight losses for the first time in 14 months, John Carroll knew Saturday's game was a must-win.

As the game commenced, both teams came out ready to play as the score bounced back and forth evenly, until 10:50 in the first half when the Blue Streaks went up by six points, 21-15. Still up six, 31-25, and with 3:46 remaining on the clock before halftime, the Quakers started a run in their favor.

Wilmington junior Brandon Candella finished the 12-4 run by Wilmington with a 3-pointer that gave his team a 37-35 lead at the break.

The Quakers picked up where they left off in the first half of play, quickly opening up a 10-4 run out of the intermission that put them up eight, 47-39. Another big run by Wilmington left JCU down 14



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Senior Patrick Sweeney (50) looks to pass to junior Kyle Hubbard (23) as the Blue Streaks defeated Wilmington, 84-82 in OT.

with 10:50 to go in the game. With hopes of a No. 1 seed hanging in the balance, the Blue Streaks kicked it into high gear.

Two pressure-packed Mark Hester free throws started a run in favor of the Blue Streaks. Back-to-back steals by senior Patrick Sweeney had the bench and fans back in the game as the Quaker lead was cut to just eight, 63-55.

With just 51 seconds to go, two free throws by senior Michael Hartnett gave the Blue Streaks their first lead since late in the first half, 74-73.

Tied at 75, it was Hartnett who had the open look from three-point territory to win the game at the buzzer, but couldn't knock it down as this dogfight was going to overtime.

Overtime was reminiscent of the first two halves of play as both teams battled back and forth and with under a minute to go, they were still dead-locked, 82-82.

With John Carroll in possession of the ball, it was Hester who stepped up by driving the lane and banking a layup off the glass, giving the Blue Streaks the 84-82 lead with

Women's basketball stumbles in consecutive games

Gabriella Kreuz
Staff Writer

John Carroll's women's basketball team could not stop the winning streak of the third place team in the Ohio Athletic Conference, the Baldwin-Wallace Yellow Jackets, on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Having won five straight games coming into the contest against JCU, the Yellow Jackets had ferocious momentum right from the start as they won at the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center by a final score of 78-58.

Looking to find a rhythm, Blue Streaks sophomore Heidi Mervar contributed with seven points in the first half of action. However, the Blue and Gold struggled as they shot only 35 percent from the field while their opponents from B-W shot 57 percent. This imbalance

would prove to be the detrimental difference for JCU as the Blue Streaks trailed 45-24 at halftime.

While the Blue Streaks came out strong in the second half going on a 10-2 run early, their compiled deficit was still too much. Sophomore Missy Spahar put up a good fight, registering 12 points to lead the Blue Streaks in scoring. But Baldwin-Wallace's offensive leader, sophomore Jessica Lairson, scored a career-high 26 points to secure the Yellow Jackets' victory.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, the Blue Streaks traveled to Wilmington, Ohio to take on the Wilmington Quakers in another OAC matchup. Playing on the road is a challenge in itself for teams competing in the difficult and talented OAC. The Blue Streaks arose valiantly to this challenge against Wilmington on

Saturday, but barely fell short of taking home the win as the final score was 61-58 in favor of the Quakers.

In the first half, it was evident the Blue and Gold had their minds in the right place and they were ready to compete. JCU made four 3-pointers in a matter of four minutes, two of them coming from sophomore point guard Allie Lustig. The Blue Streaks were driving and dishing out to the three-ball line in response to Wilmington's strong defense and even ended the half shooting 56 percent from behind the arc on 5 of 9 shooting. Despite the hot shooting from downtown, the Blue Streaks trailed Wilmington by five points at halftime, 31-26.

The second half was a give-and-take series between the Blue Streaks and Quakers, which ended with the Quakers taking over. Despite com-

mitting 29 turnovers, Wilmington still managed 12 steals, taking full advantage of those possessions to put transition points on the board.

John Carroll had 20 turnovers and 14 steals on the day, but couldn't quite close the scoring gap as they failed to utilize their extra opportunities. Spahar had a notable performance, just shy of a triple-double, as she put up 14 points, crashed the boards for a total of 10 rebounds and hustled for eight steals. In the end, it wasn't enough as the Quakers came away with the win.

With only one remaining game on their schedule, the Blue Streaks (7-15, 4-12 OAC) will now focus their attention to Saturday's regular season finale at the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center for Senior Day as JCU plays host to the Marietta Pioneers at 3 p.m.

Blue Streaks hockey defeats SRU, Duquesne

JCU finishes regular season with the most wins in program history

Sean Nowak
Staff Writer

The John Carroll University Blue Streaks club hockey team continued its winning streak after consecutive wins over Slippery Rock and Duquesne this past weekend. After sweeping Pitt and R.I.T. last weekend, the Blue Streaks were eager to keep the winning streak alive.

The first game of the weekend was on Friday, Feb. 10, as the Blue Streaks hosted visiting Slippery Rock University in a home game at Gilmour Academy.

The Blue Streaks started the game out fast right away and looked much more aggressive early on.

JCU sophomore Dan Potter got the Blue Streaks going early with his first of two goals on the night. Potter

took the pass from senior Dan Geiger and took it all the way to the net for the goal. Geiger had two assists on the night, but more importantly, he reached the 100 career points mark as a Blue Streak.

Slippery Rock kept it close the entire game but the Blue Streaks would not accept defeat. JCU ended up winning the game 5-4.

Sophomore Lou Morici continued his strong play and added a goal and assist each. Senior Geoff Abrahams also had two assists to add to the score sheet. Potter finished the day with two goals and an assist to add on to the tally.

"We played solid in all three areas of the ice this weekend: offensively, defensively and special teams," said coach Chris Wilk.

The Blue Streaks kept their winning streak alive on Sunday, Feb.

12 as they defeated the Duquesne Dukes 4-1. More importantly the Blue Streaks punched a ticket to the CHMA playoffs for the first time in team history.

Not only did JCU make the playoffs, but they also are the No. 2 seed which means they get a first-round bye. This gives JCU more time to rest and practice and to scout their opponent, which can be very crucial.

On Sunday, the younger players for JCU really stepped up in crucial times. Freshman Tyler Rhodes and sophomores Potter, Sean McHugh, and Morici all had a goal each on the day. JCU started fast and didn't slow down at all. Sophomore goalie Justin Camuto was solid between the pipes all night long against the Dukes, who spent much of the game on defense and only found the

back of the net once. JCU won the game 4-1.

Abrahams added an assist on the night which made him JCU hockey's leading career scorer with 158 points, surpassing the former record of 157 held by former Blue Streak Nick Morici.

The Blue Streaks finished the regular season with an overall record of 22-12, marking the most wins in a single season in JCU hockey history.

"This really has been a remarkable year for JCU hockey," said Wilk. "We're relatively healthy and we have everyone contributing. We look to continue our success in the playoffs," said Wilk.

The Blue Streaks will play Akron at home on Friday and Saturday before the CHMA playoffs begin on Feb. 24.

Getting to know New York Yankees beat writer Erik Boland

JCU alum and former Carroll News sports writer says, ‘I love what I do’

Zach Mentz
Sports Editor

John Carroll University has more than plenty of successful alumni, but perhaps one of the more compelling and notable success stories is that of Erik Boland. Boland, a member of the John Carroll University graduating class of 1996, currently lives in New York City and covers the New York Yankees as their beat writer for Newsday, one of the largest and most popular newspapers in the greater New York City area. After graduating from JCU, Boland went on to work for the Warren Tribune in Warren, Ohio. Afterwards, he attended graduate school at New York University. From there, he began as a part-time employee at Newsday in 2002.

The Carroll News: Let’s rewind to your senior year of college in 1996. Did you ever think that 16 years later, you would be living in New York City as the New York Yankees beat writer for Newsday?

Erik Boland: No, absolutely not. I hoped to maybe make it back to the Cleveland market in some capacity, whether it is radio, etc. I wasn’t even considering doing newspaper when I was a senior in college. I did it because I always enjoyed writing, so I wrote for The Carroll News. My vision was never that I was actually going to write for a newspaper. I never thought of it as a possibility until I began writing more and more for the Warren Tribune.

CN: Your first “big time” gig came when you were named the New York Jets beat reporter for Newsday in 2008. What was that experience like covering the NFL in the biggest media market in America?

EB: You just realize, from a professional standpoint, how much attention is paid to everything you write, but also the competition between the New York Daily News, New York Post, and Newark Ledger-Star, etc. Every day, you want to make sure that they [other beat writers] didn’t have something that you missed. You do compete. Suddenly being in that cauldron [of beat writers] for the Jets certainly was intimidating at first. If you remember 2008, that was the year the Jets

got Brett Favre. I remember when that story broke, I was sitting at my parents’ kitchen table at about quarter to midnight and I got a call that Jay Glazer broke that story. I went to bed at about 4 a.m. after that because there were phone calls to confirm it and the Jets held a conference call at 1:30 a.m. It was a crazy adrenaline rush. It was fun, but it was a hectic rush and a crazy night. If you’re in this business long enough, you get a few of those.

CN: As a beat reporter in such a large media outlet like New York City, do you feel pressure?

EB: Yeah, you want to distinguish yourself. I think you should have that desire. Entering year four covering the Yankees, I’m much better at this than I was at year one. I was totally underwater in that first year covering the Yankees. I was overwhelmed, underwater, every negative description you could think of. I feel that entering year four, I’m at least treading water. I’m not as good at it as I want to or need to be, but I’m not drowning anymore. So it’s about small steps. Particularly, baseball in New York is tough. The religion of Cleveland is football and the religion in New York is baseball. So yes, I think there is self-imposed pressure to perform.

CN: How did you feel when you were first hired by Newsday?

EB: I feel extremely fortunate. I love what I do. There’s a lot of stress, a lot of travel, etc. Those are things that maybe cause you to feel burnt out, but I never really feel that way because I like to travel, I like baseball and I like to write. My line has always been the same, and I said this when I was 23 in Warren [Ohio], this beats working for a living. At the end of the day, getting paid to go to sporting events isn’t a bad way to make a living.

CN: Was there ever a point for you when you had an overwhelming self realization of, “Wow, I made it”?

EB: I had a few of those types of moments. The U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills in 2004 was significant. Any time I’ve been able to cover a game at Madison Square Garden

or Yankee Stadium; it’s the same type of thing. There’s a little bit of a jolt when you walk into [those places]. The one that crystallized it and I looked around and thought, “Boy, this really worked out,” was when I covered Super Bowl XLII. When I took sports writing as an elective [at John Carroll], the adjunct professor was a retired Plain Dealer sports writer named Bill Nichols. I remember his first day of class and he said, “Whether you’re covering a ping-pong match or the Super Bowl, your approach has to be that it’s going to be the biggest story in the next day’s paper.” So when I walked into the stadium to cover the only Super Bowl I’ve done, I had covered the equivalent of many ping-pong matches and walking into that stadium that day, I realized I was now covering the Super Bowl. What I remember from that moment when I walked in was Nichols’ statement. I had done my ping-pong matches and now here I was at the Super Bowl.

CN: When you moved from covering the Jets to the Yankees, you went from covering a team that plays once a week compared to a team that plays 27 times a month. What was that like?

EB: It’s not secret at Newsday, but I didn’t want to take the Yankees beat. I didn’t want to do it because, coming from a football town, I thought the NFL was the peak of the profession and I had just done the Jets for one year, so I wanted to get my feet under me, work at it for a few years and get established [...] Four years later, they would have to drag me kicking and screaming off this beat. In my first year [covering the Yankees], I was counting down the day until the end of the season, hoping the sports editor would put me back on the Jets. In my second year, I was a little more comfortable and the same with last year.



Photo from www.twitter.com/eboland11

Boland currently resides in New York City and has been working at Newsday as a sports writer since 2002.

What I love about baseball, though, is that the news replenishes itself every day because there’s a game every day. There’s always an opportunity to advance a story with access to [the Yankees] every day.

CN: Your first season covering the Yankees was in 2009 and that was the same year they last won the World Series. What was it like covering that particular team?

EB: It was adding to the feeling of being underwater. What was good about it was that it was relatively smooth because there weren’t a lot of controversies [with the team]. It was fun covering a lot of winning streaks, a lot of good baseball. Most of the attention was on the field. Even though I said I felt underwater, the players get more comfortable the more they see you from February in spring training through the season. Despite that overwhelming feeling, it was still fun. You still feel like you’re a part of this traveling show because every town the Yankees are in, it’s a big deal. While you’re not a part of that, per say, from a team standpoint, tangentially, you are connected. You’re connected because you cover that team and you feel the energy in the opposing stadium when you go to Detroit, Boston, Anaheim or wherever.

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STREAKS OF THE WEEK

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 <div>Basketball ⚡⚡⚡ Mark Hester senior</div> <p>The senior playmaker scored 16 points on 6 of 12 shooting, including the game-winning basket in overtime with 8.6 seconds left as JCU defeated the Wilmington Quakers on Saturday, 84-82.</p>	 <div>Basketball ⚡⚡⚡ Missy Spahar sophomore</div> <p>Spahar nearly had a triple-double this past weekend as she scored 14 points, secured 10 rebounds and had eight steals in the Blue Streaks’ 61-58 loss to Wilmington on Saturday.</p>	 <div>Track & Field ⚡⚡⚡ Emily Mapes freshman</div> <p>Mapes helped pick up points for the Blue Streaks this past weekend at the All-Ohio Championships as she placed third in the 5,000-meter run with an impressive finish time of 18:31.90</p>	 <div>Ice Hockey ⚡⚡⚡ Geoff Abrahams senior</div> <p>While helping guide JCU to consecutive wins this past weekend against Slippery Rock (5-4) and Duquesne (4-1), Abrahams also broke the JCU all-time points record as he reached 158 career points.</p>	 <div>Ice Hockey ⚡⚡⚡ Dan Potter sophomore</div> <p>The dual-sport athlete finished the weekend with a total of three goals and one assist as he helped lead the Blue Streaks to consecutive wins over both Slippery Rock University and Duquesne University.</p>
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Athens protests turn violent



Protesters pass by a burning cinema in Athens, Greece on Sunday, Feb. 12. Riots engulfed central Athens and at least 10 buildings went up in flames in mass protests over strict austerity measures being considered by the government.

Shannon Parker
Staff Reporter

Protesters in Athens, Greece damaged 153 small businesses on Sunday, and destroyed 45 of them, reported the National Confederation of Greek Commerce.

The protests were in response to the government's attempts to identify exactly where it will make an additional €325 million in cuts from its budget.

The cuts are necessary to secure the €130 million bailout plan that will prevent Greece from defaulting.

Jean-Claude Juncker, president of the Eurogroup, which politically controls the euro, said in a press conference last week that there would be "no disbursement without implementation." The deal, while supported by the Greek Parliament, is still pending, because there has yet to be a specific plan put into place regarding where the spending cuts will come from.

Two government officials, speaking anonymously, told a reporter from Reuters that while there has not been a final decision, cutting the defense budget by another €125

million, in addition to the €300 million that were cut on Sunday, is being discussed.

The public's fears over the proposed spending cuts, the €14.5 billion debt payment due on March 20, an unemployment rate hovering around 21 percent, and a shrinking GDP, culminated in a riot that ended with 67 people being arrested and 106 injured police officers.

The concern over a possible Greek default extends well beyond the country's borders. Twelve European countries have received a downgrade in their credit rating from Moody's, a U.S.-based credit rating agency, including France, the U.K. and Austria, who have been changed to a negative rating. Moody's cites the euro area crisis as the reason for the downgrade.

To European dismay, it may actually be in Greece's best interest to default.

Defaulting and declaring bankruptcy could actually revitalize the country. Monday, Luc Frieden, the finance minister of Luxembourg, said in Washington, "It might be something which would allow Greece also to get a new start ... to create an economy that can create jobs."

There are fears that a Greek bankruptcy

would lead them to turn away from the euro, which some do not believe the eurozone could withstand.

In June, President Obama said that a Greek default would be disastrous.

This statement was predicated on the fact that Europe would spiral out of control if Greece defaulted. German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble responded to the claim with, "we are better prepared than we were two years ago."

The United States is not immune to the economic woes of the euro. The Dow Jones dropped 19 points at noon Tuesday, followed by Bank of America's 2.4 percent drop shortly after. The Standard and Poor's 500 and the Nasdaq also fell.

The next meeting for the Eurogroup was scheduled for Wednesday, but was called off by Junker.

Junker said that the group had still not received all of the information that was necessary from the government of Greece on how it plans to save the 325 million pounds.

The group leaders will instead teleconference on Wednesday, with the hope of meeting on Monday and making a final decision on the bailout plan.

Firing Lane



Samuel Lane
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Making your voice known

Since our political system was established all those years ago, we have faced many actions. Of all the activities and people who come out of this great nation, one of the best known is the protester. This individual, believes he/she has been wronged, and must make a situation better. As a result, they take to the streets, hoping to vocalize their opinion. It is an all too well-known phenomena for Americans.

Yet when it comes to this subject, many of our nation's citizens find themselves unable to act on their beliefs. Why is this the case? What is it about the protester that enables such mixed feelings?

There was a time when protest was as American as apple pie, even before there was such a description as American. The Boston Tea Party was one of the biggest protests that led to the gradual beginning of the Revolutionary War. After this, we saw the reforms of the late 19th century and early 20th century. Next there was women's suffrage and finally, civil rights. These were all movements that, in the end, led to greater changes in American society. As a result, these are currently looked upon fairly well, even if they were unpopular at the time of action.

Of course not all American protests have been considered successful. During the first half of the 20th century, several socialist movements were put down. The army was sent in to scare out the Bonus Army marchers. Then, of course, there is still the memory of the massive anti-Vietnam War protesters during the 1960s and 1970s.

Movements such as these failed to achieve their specific goals, but also seemed to reflect negatively on those who partook (at least to a respectable majority). Episodes like these have always seemed to cast a dark light on the American protest scene.

So here we are, and once again we find ourselves amid more protest and dissent over the streets. Today, it is not about war or civil rights. Instead, it is primarily fiscally based. There are those on the right, forming, of all names, the tea party. Meanwhile, the left (and to some extent moderates) have established the Occupy Wall Street movement. Once again, protest has returned to the American scene. Along with this, there are the feelings of support and apathy.

I will be the first to admit, I am not one to participate in such behavior (at least in terms of fiscal matters). To me, the tea party marchers come across as if they are in a Halloween parade, while I believe that the Occupy Wall Street protesters should maybe search for possible employment once they get their point across. That being said, these actions are the epitome of a functioning democracy.

The fact that Americans are paying attention to the relation of the economy with government is encouraging to know that they are heard. We are fortunate enough to know that, for the most part, our government and citizens can perform this in a respectable manner. Compare this to the problems that are going on in Syria and Greece.

There are, by all means, greater political duties that can be performed, such as voting. But political protest, no matter where it falls ideologically, is still healthy for the United States every now and then.

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Syria violence worsens, UN warns of civil war

The Associated Press

Syrian government forces renewed their assault on the rebellious city of Homs on Tuesday in what activists described as the heaviest shelling in days, as the U.N. human rights chief raised fears of civil war.

Troops loyal to President Bashar Assad have been shelling Homs for more than a week to retake parts of the city captured by rebel forces.

Hundreds are believed to have been killed since last Saturday, and the humanitarian conditions in the city have been worsening. Homs was under "brutal shelling" on Tuesday, the Local Coordination Committees activist group said, citing its network of witnesses on the ground.

Another activist group, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said it was the heaviest shelling in days.

With diplomatic efforts bogged down, the conflict in Syria is taking on the dimensions of a civil war, with army defectors clashing

almost daily with soldiers.

U.N. human rights chief Navi Pillay warned on Monday that the Security Council's failure to take action has emboldened the Syrian government to launch an all-out assault.

The uprising began last March as mostly peaceful protests against Assad's authoritarian rule, but has become more militarized in the face of the brutal military crackdown.

Pillay told the General Assembly that more than 5,400 people were killed last year alone, and the number of dead and injured continues to rise daily.

She said tens of thousands of people, including children, have been arrested, more than 18,000 reportedly are still arbitrarily detained and thousands more are reported missing. In addition, 25,000 people are estimated to have sought refuge in neighboring countries and more than 70,000 are internally displaced.

"The breadth and patterns of attacks by military and security forces on civilians, and the widespread destruction of homes, hospitals, schools and other civilian infrastructure

indicate approval or complicity by authorities at the highest level," Pillay said.

Also Monday, the Obama administration said it backs Arab League plans to end continuing violence in Syria but noted several obstacles to deploying a proposed international peacekeeping force to the country and withheld full endorsement of the idea.

The administration has said repeatedly it does not see a military solution to the crisis in Syria, yet U.S. officials indicated they would consider the Arab League call for peacekeepers and discuss it with various countries to see whether such an idea is feasible. However, they stressed there would be difficulties in getting required U.N. Security Council authorization for a force.

Chief among the hurdles is opposition by Russia and China, which vetoed a far less ambitious Security Council action already this month. Russia has said peacekeepers could not be sent without Syrian government approval; officials in Damascus already have rejected the proposal, calling it unjustified interference in internal affairs.

Santorum's wins shakes up race



Republican presidential candidate, former Sen. Rick Santorum, takes questions from reporters on Tuesday.

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Never in recent United States presidential elections has a political party's nomination race been so competitive. There have been small comparisons, such as the Hilary Clinton–Barack Obama race in 2008, but that is rather tame when viewing the primary season of 2012. Looking back at the 2011 pre-election cycle, there had been rotating leaders. Mitt Romney to Rick Perry, Perry to Herman Cain, Cain bailing and a tie between Newt Gingrich and Romney, before the latter retook the lead. For any year that leads into an election, this was hardly extraordinary.

Moving into 2012, it was time to get serious. Just a few days into the new year, the Iowa caucus came into play. Initially, it proved to be the closest ever, with Santorum narrowly edging out Romney in Iowa, considered more of a scrimmage for the candidates.

New Hampshire was the first big prize, with Romney winning respectably. The leading man was headed for South Carolina with another lead in the polls. Gingrich kicked his conservative rhetoric into high gear, and took the primary for himself.

The two new rivals next battled in delegate-rich Florida.

After conducting a well-financed campaign, Romney swept the state's primary and followed with Nevada. This made South Carolina into nothing

more than a speed bump in Romney's quest for the nomination.

Following Nevada, Gingrich's support appeared to be diminishing. Romney had another primary and two caucuses approaching: Missouri, Minnesota, and Colorado. While Romney recognized that the first one would be a stretch, the latter had granted him victory in 2008 and should do the same in 2012. This was not to be, with Santorum capturing all three. Once again, the front-runner for the nomination is in question. Facing the current situation for the Republican candidates, there are some things to be noted.

One is the present standing of Gingrich's candidacy. After three straight primary wins combined with two more caucus victories, the thought of him carrying the nomination is beginning to wane.

Along with the losses in the state contests, the former Speaker of the House may also be experiencing campaign financial concerns.

According to Trip Gabriel of The New York Times, Gingrich has a difficult obstacle to overcome, "Even as he sacrifices time in front of voters, his prospects of raising the cash he needs are uncertain." He also faces the dilemma of Rick Santorum's rise to prominence. Aside from Gingrich, Romney also faces more of a challenge now from Santorum. After three losses last week to the former

Pennsylvania senator, Romney has once again found himself playing on the defensive.

Fortunately, unlike after his loss in South Carolina, Romney benefits from having more primary wins under his belt. Furthermore, the next big primary is in Michigan, on Feb. 28.

Because he was raised in the state, along with the fact that his father, George W. Romney, was both a popular businessman and governor, Michigan was initially thought to be a cakewalk for Romney, but now it seems winning the primary will be much more difficult than expected.

Nevertheless, it can be safely assumed that Romney will not take any chances after his loss in Minnesota, Colorado and Missouri.

Santorum's candidacy is still uncertain. It is possible that his recent victories will help grant him more momentum, which can be decided over the next month, particularly on Super Tuesday. At the same time, he faces an uphill battle due to Romney's greater strength in spending.

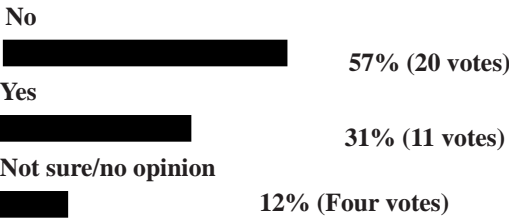
If this proves true, his candidacy may fade quickly and will face a similar fate that Gingrich has been dealing with.

Judging by all these factors, this nomination contest will by no means be easy.

All that can be done now is wait and see what happens, one primary at a time.

jcunews.com World News Poll

Will the Republican nominee be someone other than Mitt Romney or Newt Gingrich?



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Should the United States intervene in Syria?

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“If there is military intervention, then yes, there will be a lot of bloodshed. But it's going to be over a lot quicker. If there isn't military intervention, there is going to be even more bloodshed, and it's going to take a lot longer to bring down the regime.”
– Unidentified activist on the Bashar al-Assad regime's violent attacks throughout the country killing hundreds in order to quell protests against his rule.
(CNN)

“[The explosion] proves once again that Iran and its proxies continue to perpetrate terror.”
– Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak on his accusations that terrorist attacks in Bangkok Tuesday were orchestrated by Iran.
(BBC)

“ We're both Pacific powers, and everyday the affairs of our nations and the livelihoods of our citizens grow more connected. Cooperation, as you and I have spoken about, can only be mutually beneficial if the game is fair.”
– Vice President Joseph Biden to Vice President and China's heir apparent Xi Jin Ping during their first meeting at the White House Tuesday.
(The New York Times)

– Compiled by Michael Reiser

Obama, Santorum winners in CBS/New York Times polls

Michael Reiser
World News Editor

Despite all the fervor surrounding the Republican presidential candidates, it seems President Obama can sit well knowing, according to a CBS News/The New York Times poll released Tuesday, that he is ahead of all of them.

Of the four remaining candidates, former Gov. Mitt Romney sits closest to the incumbent president by posting 42 percent against Obama's 48 percent.

Surging former Sen. Rick Santorum has an eight point differential between himself and Obama. Among registered voters, Santorum garnered 41 percent of the vote to Obama's 49 percent.

Rather surprisingly, Rep. Ron Paul came in

third, finishing with 39 percent. Obama would win 50 percent of the vote if matched against the Libertarian congressman from Texas, according to the poll.

The poll also reflected former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich's fall from popularity, perhaps due to his poor performance not just in Minnesota, Colorado and Missouri last week, but two weeks ago in Florida as well.

According to the poll, Gingrich could only muster 36 percent of the vote against the president if the election were to happen today. Obama would finish with 54 percent. While Romney won the Maine caucus over the weekend, it seems that Santorum has passed him in popularity among GOP primary voters.

Just a little over a month ago, Santorum had only 16 percent of support from Republican primary voters, but now has jumped 14 points to 30 percent.

On the other hand, Romney has fallen from 28 percent, a strong seven-point lead over then second place Gingrich, to three points back of Santorum, sitting at 27 percent. Paul has lost a mere three points, down to 12 from 15 percent in January.

The largest fall of all the candidates is Gingrich, who took an 11-point dip since just a month ago. Gingrich, who was the clear alternative to Romney and who some thought could actually surpass him, seems to be running out of money and it's affecting

Who Would You Vote For in November if the Candidates Were...?			
(Among registered voters)			
	Now	1/18/2012	1/9/2012
Barack Obama	48%	45%	45%
Mitt Romney	42%	45%	47%
Barack Obama	49%	49%	47%
Rick Santorum	41%	38%	43%
Barack Obama	50%	46%	46%
Ron Paul	39%	42%	45%
Barack Obama	54%	50%	49%
Newt Gingrich	36%	39%	41%

CBS News

him in the polls.

In January, 21 percent of Republican primary voters backed the former speaker, whereas now, Gingrich only has 10 percent of support from his party.

All eyes turn to Michigan on Feb. 28 to see who takes the lead on the march to Super Tuesday.



Obama releases \$3.8 billion plan; US debt expected to grow to \$18.7 trillion in 2021

President Obama unveiled a \$3.8 trillion spending plan on Monday that seeks to pump billions of dollars into the economy while raising taxes on the rich to tame a soaring national debt now projected to grow significantly faster than previously forecast. The president's outlook for debt reduction has slid markedly since September, when Obama told Congress that his proposals would hold annual deficits well under \$600 billion after next year and permit the debt held by outside investors to rise to \$17.7 trillion by 2021, or 73 percent of the overall economy. The new 10-year blueprint shows annual deficits exceeding \$600 billion every year except 2018. And the portion of the debt held by outside investors would grow to \$18.7 trillion by 2021, or 76.5 percent of the economy — a full \$1 trillion higher. (The Washington Post)

Washington governor legalizes same-sex marriage, law takes effect in June

Gov. Chris Gregoire handed gay rights advocates a major victory Monday, signing into law a measure that legalizes same-sex marriage in Washington state, making it the seventh in the nation to allow gay and lesbian couples to wed. Gregoire signed the bill surrounded by gay rights supporters. "I'm proud our same-sex couples will no longer be treated as separate but equal," she said. It's a historic moment for the state, but same-sex couples can't walk down the aisle just yet. The law takes effect June 7, but opponents on multiple fronts already are preparing to fight. The New Jersey Senate advanced a gay marriage bill Monday, and a vote is expected in the N.J. Assembly on Thursday. N.J. Gov. Chris Christie, who is pushing for a public vote on the issue, says he'll veto the bill if it comes to his desk. (The New York Times)



US and N. Korea to hold disarmament talks in China in two weeks

U.S. and North Korean officials will meet on Feb. 23 to discuss Pyongyang's controversial nuclear program, the U.S. State Department says. It says the U.S. envoy for North Korea, Glyn Davies, will hold talks with North Korean First Vice-Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan in China's capital, Beijing. Two rounds of such talks between U.S. and North Korean officials were held last year, but the third round was cancelled because of the death of Kim Jong-Il. North Korea's long-time leader died on Dec. 17. His son Kim Jong-Un, who has very little political experience, has been installed as his successor. The Beijing talks will be the first opportunity to test Pyongyang's willingness to engage in serious negotiations under its young leader. (BBC)

19 Americans detained by Egyptian government

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Late last year, Egyptian authorities raided offices of multiple pro-democracy groups, including two groups associated with the Republican and Democratic parties in the U.S., seizing documents, computers, cell phones and cash, and shutting down the organizations pending a criminal investigation. At the time, the unprecedented raid dealt a major blow to U.S.-Egyptian relations.

In early February, the relationship between the two countries hit a new low as Egypt issued a travel ban on workers from the pro-democracy groups and moved to file criminal charges against 19 American citizens and two dozen other employees involved with these non-governmental organizations.

Out of the 19 Americans, only six still remain in Cairo including Sam LaHood, son of U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, and Egypt's director for the International Republican Institute, one of the organizations in question.

According to The New York Times, charges brought against the NGOs include "operating without licenses, conducting research to send to the United States and supporting Egyptian candidates and parties to serve foreign interests." The State Department and the Obama administration have been troubled by the charges, especially after an Egyptian delegation scheduled to meet with lawmakers in Washington last week unexpectedly cancelled their trip.

"We are deeply concerned by these reports and are seeking clarification from the government of Egypt," State Department spokesman Mark Toner said.

Since the resignation of Egypt's former President Hosni Mubarak, U.S.-Egyptian relations have been steadily declining.

Mubarak was arguably one of the most important allies to the United States in the region because he kept the peace with Israel, cracked



U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey, left, meets with Egyptian Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi on Saturday.

down on Muslim extremists, and negotiated peace talks in the Middle East.

As a result, the United States provided Egypt with almost \$2 billion in annual military and economical aid. Since the assault on the pro-democracy groups, Washington has threatened to cut off the annual aid package which could cripple Egypt's struggling economy. "The harassment of Americans who are in Egypt trying to help build their democracy is unacceptable," said Rep. Kay Granger (R-Texas), chairwoman of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

In response, Egypt has shown no signs of backing down. "Those groups are unregistered and from the view of the judiciary they were breaking the laws of Egypt. This is a total judicial issue. We cannot exercise influence on the judges," said Mohammed Amr, Egypt's foreign minister.

The International Republican Institute asserted in a statement that the prosecution of its employees is politically charged.

In order to help resolve the issue, The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey, travelled to meet Egypt's military rulers. This past weekend, Dempsey met with Field Marshal Mohammed Hussein Tantawi, head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces, and his counter part, Lt. General Sami Enan. The U.S Department of Defense website asserted that the generals discussed issues such as the NGO problem and future military cooperation.

Dempsey told The American Forces Press Service during the flight back that the United States wants to stay engaged with Egypt, "not to influence or shape, but simply be there as a partner to help them understand their new responsibilities."

"I think they are eager to have that kind of partnership with us," he added, "but we have to get beyond this NGO issue."

Experts have asserted that the crackdown on these groups is an attempt to reinforce the Egyptian generals claims that protests against their rule are stirred up by foreigners.

REISER'S EDGE



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World News Editor

The Church's logical argument

Freedom of religion is held as a pillar of freedom here in the home of the brave. So important in fact the first of the Bill of Rights begins like this, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

So what is all this dissension over between the Catholic Church and defenders of the Obama administration's federal health insurance mandate that includes birth control coverage?

It's simple logic really.

Because every United States citizen will be required by law to purchase health insurance from a private provider, citizens will have to indirectly pay for birth control for others.

Now, if the Catholic faith condemns artificial birth control, would forcing Catholics to buy into a system that funds others for that very product which their religion specifically tells them not to support be illegal? Doesn't that make them do something that is against their religion?

Simple logic says yes.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion" should be ringing in your ears.

It reminds me of the largely unpopular breach of civil rights in France nearly two years ago with President Nicolas Sarkozy's ban on Muslim women's wearing of veils in public places, even though their religion mandated them to do so, for the sake of national security.

Could you imagine the uproar if this happened here? Sure you would have some conservatives claiming it's for security purposes, and then some liberals saying it's fascist.

We are known as the land of the free because we allow people to practice their religions. Yes, people are prejudiced, but at least the Constitution is on the side of the victim.

This mandate is a clear violation of the Bill of Rights. There is no going around it.

I'm not arguing about the mandate being a violation of states' rights or it being a growth of the federal government.

I am simply saying it is a violation of religious freedom to force someone to pay for birth control if their religion condemns it.

It calls into question the worth of the Constitution as the governing document of the U.S.

The argument is not whether you are for or against the use of birth control, but the forcing of someone to do something against their religion.

There are some truly good things about the mandate that could fix some very significant problems in the country.

Even having birth control covered by the provider would be beneficial to some. Almost 40 percent of all births in the U.S. are out of wedlock.

However it's simple logic to see that the mandate forces people to go against their religion and help pay for something that they are religiously obliged not to partake in.

All this does is set a new standard of what it means to have "freedom of religion."

We've always been a country that has supported the separation of church and state. Whether you're liberal or conservative, Jewish or Muslim, or even Catholic, it is clear to see the logic in this argument.

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GOP critics hit Obama's \$3.8 trillion

The Associated Press

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told Congress Tuesday that the president's new \$3.8 trillion spending plan would impose new taxes on only 2 percent of the nation's wealthiest families and the alternative would be to seek more painful cuts in other government programs such as defense, Social Security and Medicare.

Geithner defended the new budget plan in the face of intense attacks from GOP members of the Senate Finance Committee. Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah told Geithner that the administration's spending plan would give the country a "permanently larger, European-inspired government."

But Geithner said deeper spending cuts now would damage economic growth and push more Americans into poverty at a time when the economy is still struggling to recover from a deep recession.

Geithner told the committee that the administration hopes to send Congress next week a framework for making changes in the country's corporate tax structure.

He said the administration would not offer detailed legislative language but rather broad principles for corporate tax reform. He said the administration would propose eliminating a number of current business tax breaks in an effort to lower the corporate tax rate.

The nominal U.S. corporate tax rate is 35 percent, the highest in the world after Japan, but few companies pay that much after taking various deductions.

Obama has proposed lowering that tax rate but has not said by how much it should be lowered. The president has also proposed ending tax breaks for U.S. companies moving jobs or profits to foreign countries while suggesting tax breaks for businesses that move jobs back to the United States.

Geithner did not offer any hints about what recommendations the administration will make on corporate rates in its submission to Congress.

Congress may put off the tough decisions on the budget until after the November elections, but the spending document will certainly be used as a campaign document for Obama and a key target for Republicans running against Democrats.

Republican Mitt Romney, who is cam-

paigned for the GOP nomination to challenge Obama in the fall, called the budget Obama released Monday "an insult to the American taxpayer." GOP candidates Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul are all advocating bigger spending cuts to control the deficits, and all the GOP candidates oppose Obama's tax increases.

"The president's budget is a gloomy reflection of his failed policies of the past, not a bold plan for America's future," House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio), said Monday after the budget was released. "The president offered a collection of rehashes, gimmicks and tax increases that will make our economy worse."

Republicans are arguing for deeper spending cuts and a frontal assault on the biggest drivers of the deficit, the soaring costs of Medicare and Medicaid, whose already sizable costs are projected to double in future years as baby boomers retire.

Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), chairman of the House Budget Committee, said Monday that he expected the Republican-controlled House would in coming weeks pass an alternative to the Obama budget that would gain control of the deficit, not by raising taxes but by curtailing Medicare and Medicaid.

"President Obama's irresponsible budget is a recipe for a debt crisis and the decline of America," Ryan said.

Obama's cuts in Medicare and Medicaid avoid cuts in benefits and instead make modest trims in payments to health care providers.

In contrast, the Republican House last year approved Ryan's plan, which would essentially transform Medicare into a voucher system in which future seniors would get a fixed amount to buy medical insurance.



U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.

The Obama budget proposes spending \$3.8 trillion in the 2013 budget year, which begins Oct. 1. It would achieve \$4 trillion in deficit cuts in part through restraining the growth of many government programs, adhering to the agreement Congress approved in August for spending caps to achieve \$900 billion in deficit reduction over a decade.

Obama's plan also proposes additional deficit reduction in order to avoid \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board cuts scheduled to take effect next January.

But the president relies on \$1.5 trillion in tax increases, mainly by allowing the Bush-era tax cuts to expire on families making more than \$250,000 per year, imposing additional taxes on those making more than \$1 million per year and eliminating various corporate tax breaks.

The tax increases all have been rejected by Republicans.

With both parties holding entrenched positions, it is very likely that no solution will be found before the November elections, with both sides preferring to use the debate to score political points.

If that occurs, Congress will probably be back in Washington after the November elections for a lame-duck session to resolve the battle over taxes and spending cuts.

Lawmakers are facing end-of-the-year deadlines when the Bush-era tax cuts on all taxpayers expire and across-the-board spending cuts will go into effect if lawmakers can't agree on \$1.2 trillion in further deficit reduction over the next decade.

PAT DOWN



Patrick Perkins
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Second look at investment banking

Every spring, scholars across the world are prepping to enter the work force upon graduation. It is important to research each career that is of interest to you. Most business students can recall MN 202 and the 20-page business report assigned during the course.

For those of you who have finished the course, congratulations! For those of you who have yet to enroll in the course, let me fill you in.

You will be assigned a 20-page business report that allows you the opportunity to research two careers you may have a serious interest in. In my opinion, this is one of the most useful reports a business student can be assigned.

I encourage future students to take full advantage of this. Give this some effort and you will have the tools to make an educated decision on whether to pursue a certain career or not.

If you decide to report on investment bankers, you're welcome. Today's issue will focus on a Wall Street Journal article that examines the health of investment bankers.

However, it is important to note that I am in no way advocating against investment banking. I am merely providing some information on a WSJ study set to be published in late February. The WSJ study comments on the hazards of investment banking in regards to health.

In summary, a University of Southern California research scientist decided to follow a number of investment bankers straight out of college and entering into entry-level jobs.

"Every individual she observed over a decade developed a stress-related physical or emotional ailment within several years on the job, she says in a study to be published this month."

The study mostly focuses on the effects of long hours during the work week. It also comments on a similar study.

"During their first two years, the bankers worked on average 80 to 120 hours a week, but remained eager and energetic ... They typically arrived at 6 a.m. and left around midnight."

To put that into perspective, there are 168 hours in a week. This does not leave much time to eat, sleep and enjoy relaxation. It also does not leave much room for a social life.

"By the fourth year, however, many bankers were a mess, according to the study. Some were sleep-deprived, blaming their bodies for preventing them from finishing their work. Others developed allergies and substance addictions. Still others were diagnosed with long-term health conditions such as Crohn's disease, psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis and thyroid disorders."

As a college student I can relate to long hours of work. I have pushed myself to the limits. There have been many nights that turned into day without a single minute of sleep. My body screamed for sleep and my mind slowly shut down. However, these nights are few and far between.

Some professionals have provided their insight as to how this type of work affected them.

"One vice president described work as a never-ending nightmare, waking up every morning and wishing the day before 'was just a bad dream.'"

As much as we hate to admit it the human body has its limits and this study may have found the worst downfall of an investment career.

In conclusion, I will leave you with the results to a similar study conducted by Alden Cass, a New York clinical psychologist.

He said, "nearly one-quarter had clinical levels of depression, more than three times the rate among the general population. That was when the economy was booming and compensation levels were high."

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Gas prices hitting new heights early in 2012

Patrick Tarkey
The Carroll News

A few years back the United States saw a national gas average of about \$3.50 per gallon, and again last year around March 8.

Unfortunately, that \$3.50 average is already occurring in the U.S. this year, and according to analysts it's very likely that it is going to get even higher.

According to the AAA national records the average is up 13 cents from last month, putting the national average at a high of \$3.51 cents per gallon across the country.

By their standards, every 50 cent increase to gas takes \$50 billion away from other areas of the U.S. economy. The question is why is this rise occurring so soon in 2012.

MSNBC believes that the current average is based on three factors, with the first being the rise of conflicts in the Middle East. As tensions continue to rise the prices per barrel rise as well, which is currently at a high of \$118 dollars per barrel.

The second reason for the increase of gas prices is the shutdown of the one of the largest oil refineries on the east coast.

With this refinery closed it becomes even more costly for the U.S. oil market to process



The 12-month average of retail gas prices.

and distribute their product.

Finally, the always increasing demand for oil in China and India has a huge effect of the current price of gas in America.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration declared in a recent report that by 2035 China will be using 68 percent more energy than the United States.

At the end of 2011, China had an estimated 75,000 car owners, making it the second largest auto-market in the world.

And with India following in China's footsteps, it seems the demand for oil in the East is only going to continue to rise.

And even though the current \$3.50 average in the United States seems pretty terrible,

Gasbuddy.com, a gas prediction site, estimates the gas prices are only going to get worse this year. They predict that by Memorial Day the national average will be around \$3.95. The larger cities around the U.S. will have even higher prices comparably.

Cities like Los Angeles will have an average of \$4.70 and Chicago could have an average as high as \$4.95.

John Holfmeister, former president of Shell Oil Co. believes that the United States is "sitting on a threshold of gas price volatility, and we as Americans are going to see it spike sooner rather than later." However, volatility has become the norm within the global economy.

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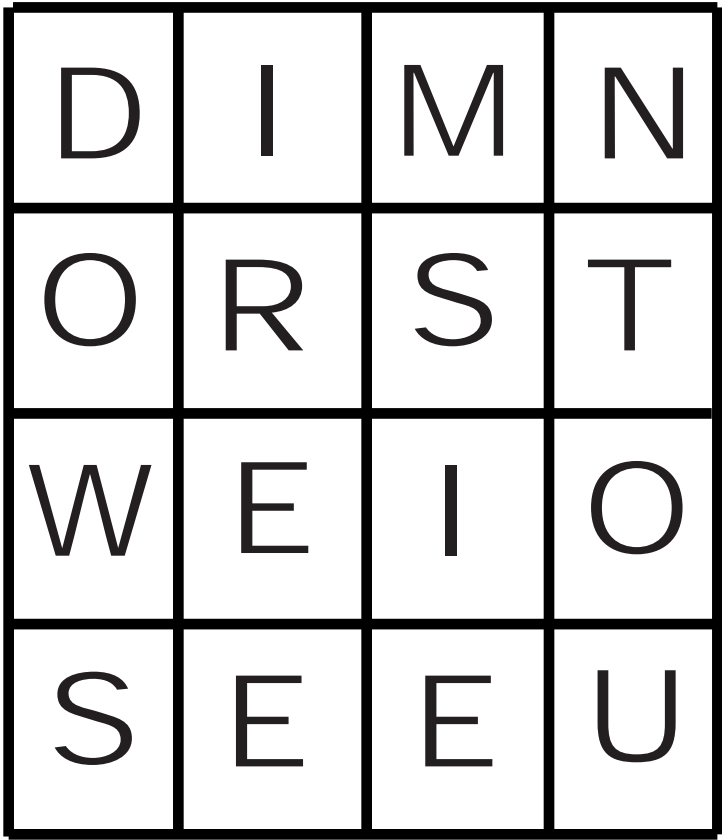
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Boggle board of the week

Try to find as many three or more letter words as possible. The words must only use a single letter on the Boggle board once and all letters in the word must be connected horizontally, vertically or diagonally.



#Randomfacts

Eight presidents never attended college: Washington, Jackson, Van Buren, Taylor, Fillmore, Lincoln, Andrew Johnson and Cleveland.

The tallest president was Lincoln at 6 feet 4 inches. Madison was the shortest at 5 feet 4 inches.

Vice presidents were originally the presidential candidates who received the second-largest number of electoral votes.

James Buchanan was the only president never to marry and Reagan was the only divorced president. (He married his second wife, Nancy, in 1952.)

Eight presidents died in office: W. Harrison, Taylor, Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, Harding, F. Roosevelt, and Kennedy

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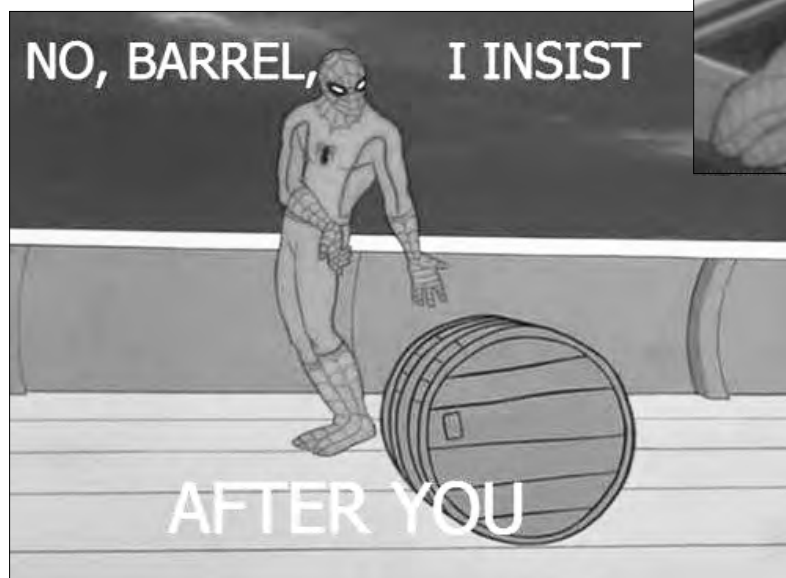
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Editorial

Ignatius installations

Since 1997, the St. Ignatius statue has been one of the most recognizable landmarks on John Carroll's campus. Over the past year, the Office of Alumni Relations and the facilities department have been discussing the addition of a brick walkway and water feature to the campus and, this fall, the area around St. Ignatius was determined to be the best place.

Though there are unique features on campus, current students are not aware of the significance of such landmarks and this project can change their perceptions. The addition of the walkway composed of bricks able to be purchased by students, alumni, student groups, etc. will give students a sense of belonging and legacy. It will make students feel as if they've contributed to something significant and lasting on campus.

The addition of the walkway and fountain will add to the attractiveness of the campus. Not only will the addition to the St. Ignatius Plaza be aesthetically pleasing, but the amount of spiritual symbolism included in the construction of the additions will add tangibility and presence to the values that give the University its identity.

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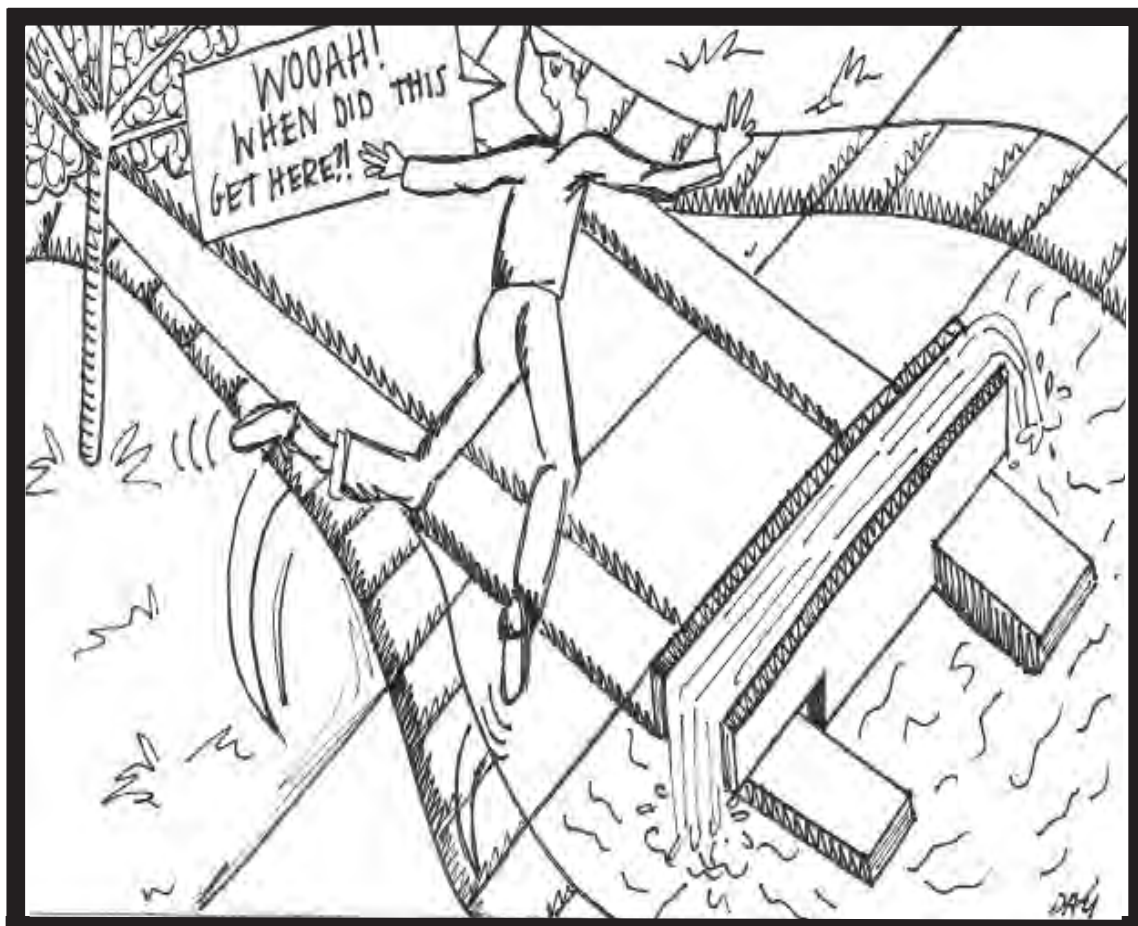
What bedbug infiltration?

On Feb. 1, a single bedbug was found by the housekeeping staff in Hamlin Hall. After a further search was conducted on Feb. 8, no other bedbugs were found.

Bedbugs are a widespread problem on college campuses everywhere. They can spread very quickly via students traveling from one college to another.

The facilities department took action when the bedbug was found to ensure that no others were residing in Hamlin. However, bedbugs could be brought on campus at any time and easily spread throughout residence halls and other campus buildings. Both students and the facilities department should be on high alert for any possible bedbug sightings.

Though the availability of the bedbug-sniffing dog is a factor affecting the inspection time, more effort should be made to inspect the situation much sooner than a week after the first reported sighting. The sooner action is taken, the less likely it is that drastic action will have to be taken to rid the campus of a potentially widespread problem.



Cartoon by Emily Day

NOTABLE QUOTABLE



“If I can win Grammys then that means all you yet to be seen bedroom geniuses will one day
TAKEOVER THE WORLD.”

- Skrillex via Twitter after winning three Grammys

HIT & miss

Hit: Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition is released **miss:** Supreme Court justice, Stephen Breyer is robbed at knife-point in the West Indies **Hit:** The Grammys **Hit/miss:** Adele won six Grammys **miss:** Whitney Houston died **Hit:** Italian soccer player, Alessandro Del Piero, allegedly wakes a 12-year-old girl from a coma by sending her a video message **miss:** Shakira got attacked by a sea lion **Hit:** Thousands of manufacturing jobs open near Cleveland **miss:** The Jimmy Dimora trial **Hit:** The St. Ignatius Plaza brick walkway and fountain additions **miss:** Approaching midterms **Hit:** Cooperation between Republican and Democratic parties to reach payroll tax cut deal **Hit:** Asian basketball player and Harvard graduate, Jeremy Lin's continuing success **miss(ing):** Not his shots **Hit:** Three national indoor track records were set at this past weekend's Millrose Games **Hit/miss:** All three were set by Kenyans

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As a political science minor and with a love for broadcast journalism, I've come to know Washington, D.C. as a political junkie's Hollywood. When I arrived in D.C. a month ago for my internship with C-SPAN, I knew spotting House Speaker John Boehner or Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in person would have been like a run-in with Brad and Angelina for the average Joe. Fortunately for me, luck came my way last week when I was granted the opportunity to shadow another intern at CPAC, the Conservative Political Action Conference. Essentially, CPAC is a large gathering of conservatives from around the U.S. coming together to listen to conservative politicians and activists speak. All of the major networks are present, as well as C-SPAN, recording the event and its high-profile speakers. After asking my supervisor if there was any opportunity to join the other intern last Thursday afternoon, he approved, but I had to find a way to get my media credentials, something that had been taken care of the week before. I was told the answer was no; I could no longer receive my credentials because the deadline had passed. But I didn't want that to be the end-all be-all, so I contacted the woman in charge of media for CPAC

My life in lights

and found out it was not entirely too late, I could still receive my media credentials if I made it to CPAC's venue hotel the night before. Long story short, after getting lost in the pouring rain and wandering around D.C. for over an hour after dark, I finally stumbled upon the hotel and marched right on up there to get my credentials for the next morning! I made sure to finish all of my work in the programming operations department on Thursday and made it to CPAC in the afternoon to see Speaker Boehner, Rick Perry, Herman Cain and other prominent individuals speak before the many conservatives who filled the ballroom. I got to meet Michelle Bachmann later in the day, and watched how the director and crew worked together with C-SPAN's cameramen to produce a live segment on-air. Needless to say, almost everything I had learned in my television production class applied to what the crew members were doing at CPAC.

The second day of the conference was the day for GOP candidates. Rick Santorum, Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich each spoke, along with Fox News contributors Mike Huckabee and Ann Coulter. I even had the chance to meet up with NBC embed reporter and JCU alum Andrew Rafferty ('09), who was at CPAC covering Santorum's campaign. Among my other highlights from the afternoon were the "Occupy CPAC" protesters trying to make their way into the hotel (a failed attempt), and seeing Newt Gingrich's wife Callista introduce

her husband; it is widely known that Mrs. Gingrich rarely speaks in public and that her hair never, ever moves. I found the latter to be especially true.

The final day of CPAC will go down in history as the day I met Sarah Palin and showed her pictures of me dressed up as her for Halloween in 2008. Mrs. Palin was the closing speaker at the conference, and the crowd was filled with conservatives – many of them students – eagerly waiting to hear her speak. Once she began speaking, Palin was successful at rallying everyone in the audience with her comments about the Obama administration, and when the speech concluded, I thought I might be able to see her do an interview on one of the balconies, but there was no such luck. She was quickly walking around signing autographs, so I knew if I wanted to get close, I'd have to really make the effort! When I eventually made it over to her by running across the rows of chairs, I weasled my way up and shoved my iPhone in front of her, saying, "Look Sarah, it's me dressed as you for Halloween!" I literally sounded like Randy from "A Christmas Story" when he gets to the top of the stairs and asks Santa Claus for the rifle. Luckily, she didn't react like Santa; instead, she looked at my phone and laughed, saying, "Oh my gosh, that's what I looked like 40 years ago!" It was a great end to the entire learning experience.

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Cooney Meets World:
Good McMorning

Dan Cooney
Managing Editor

Are you lovin' it?

If you aren't, then you might want to.

Who doesn't like "two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame seed bun" (in moderation, of course)?

If you haven't driven down Warrensville Center Road in the last week and noticed the new McDonald's restaurant, then I'd say you haven't been reading enough of The (award-winning) Carroll News lately. We've been talking about the new McDonald's more than Ronald himself.

I highly suggest visiting, if you haven't already. The food is good and the eating area seems pretty clean. There's a TV in the corner, too, providing you a comfortable place to watch CNN, munch on your Filet-O-Fish and drink your Shamrock Shake.

The one thing I didn't anticipate was getting my first encounter with University Heights' newest dining establishment so early.

My friends and I decided to get up at 5 a.m. one morning to wait for McDonald's to open its doors. With thoughts of warm McGriddles, McMuffins and McCafé coffee in our heads, we traversed down Warrensville in the warmest clothes we could find. The bitter cold air and wind couldn't freeze our idea of a great way to start the morning.

With anticipation, we stood in line with about 30 other people. They, like us, couldn't stay away from the promise of a warm McDonald's breakfast. The line got bigger behind us as the minutes slowly crept by.

Finally, after what seemed like forever, it was 6 a.m. The doors flew open and the first 50 of us

brave souls were given a prize. Who could say no to a booklet full of coupons for 52 free Big Mac sandwiches, one for each week of the year?

My hunger was vanquished as I gulped down my scrumptious McGriddle breakfast. A couple sips of orange juice and I felt satisfied.

After enjoying our breakfast, we all braced the cold wind once again as we made our way back to our residences – a successful trip, indeed. To celebrate our victorious trek, we all got a few hours of shut-eye before our first classes.

Going to fast-food restaurants is not the norm in my family, so I considered this trip kind of a treat. We appreciate taking time out of our busy lives to sit around the kitchen table and enjoy a healthy, home-cooked meal.

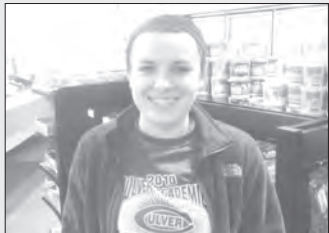
I've seen "Super Size Me" and read "Fast Food Nation," both of which don't exactly paint a nice picture of the fast-food industry. But, that being said, an occasional trip to your local burger joint isn't a bad thing, in my opinion. The important thing to keep in mind is being responsible for your body. Eating every day at McDonald's may not be the best idea in the world.

Then again, standing in the bitter cold at 5:30 in the morning waiting for free Big Mac coupons and a warm McGriddle sandwich isn't exactly a smart decision either. But, it does make for an interesting time. My friends agree – they've said the same thing.

I'm sure more than a few early commuters and passengers on the RTA bus that passed by us that morning said to themselves, "Those guys are nuts."

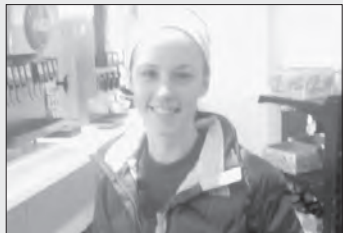
Yeah, I would say we were a little crazy. But nothing lost, nothing gained. I lost a few hours of sleep in my warm bed, but gained a good story ... and some free Big Macs.

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Wonderword:
What does bupkis mean?

"An interesting sort of kiss for Valentine's Day."

Moira Kelley,
freshman



"A type of cake."

Maggie Tepe,
freshman



"A skin sore that you get from extreme winds."

Emma O'Donnell,
freshman

bupkis: Absolutely nothing, nil

The Bayer Necessities: If I die young



Brian Bayer
Campus Editor

As I was listening to the radio the other day, I heard the song "If I Die Young" by The Band Perry. Throughout the song, Kimberly Perry makes a very keen observation – life is fragile. You really never know when it's going to be your time to exit stage left.

Last week, I had a crippling case of the rhinovirus. It seemed that my death was imminent. Fortunately, I beat the odds, kicked the cold and lived to talk about it. But it certainly got me thinking.

So, in the event that I die young, I want my wishes recorded and on public record, so that no one is

confused about what to do with my corpsey remains.

First, let's talk about my funeral. I'm a guy, so I don't want flowers. If you really feel the need to adorn my body with foliage, then go for something more masculine than lilies and carnations – perhaps a small tree? I suppose it's up to you once I'm gone. Just please don't emasculate me at my own viewing. I'll haunt you.

As for what I want to be wearing in the casket, I want to be prepared to go for a run as soon as I hit the afterlife. So don't worry about dressing me up in a fancy suit. I think I just want to be shirtless, with my America short shorts and my Vibram Five Fingers. I hear there are some great trails in Heaven (and in the event that I don't end up in Heaven, I've heard that Hell is good for heat and hill training).

I want my eulogy to be epic too. Don't worry; I have taken care of that for you too. Please just follow the

Mad Libs template below and I'll be a happy ghost:

"Well, we all saw this one coming. That Brian Bayer was definitely a (noun). It's just too bad he had to die (epic way in which I perish).

My favorite memory with Brian was when we (verb, past tense), and the police didn't even catch us. That was fun.

The thing that I think people loved most about him was his knack for (pick a gerund). Nobody could do it like he could.

One time, when I sat down with him, we just talked for hours about (upper level philosophical concept applied to something very base).

And boy, was he good at (choose: running/ his career/ sex). We'll certainly all miss that."

That's your start. You can fill in the rest of the eulogy for yourself. I trust you.

So after you've put the final nail

in my coffin, I have a very specific request for my burial. For most, the decision is between cremation and burial. I don't want either of these.

Build me a pyramid.

I'm not asking for anything crazy huge, like the pyramids of Giza. After all I haven't done anything great like the pharaohs did to deserve their pyramids (such as being born or worshipping Cryptophus, the part-hippo, part-man, part-Bieber god of harmony and discord).

I will settle for a nice two to three-story pyramid, as long as it has at least two false chambers to trick potential grave robbers.

Instead of my personal belongings though, I just want to be entombed with one thing – a real light saber. It's something that I will probably never be able to enjoy in life, so I would like the opportunity to play with one in death. I think that's simple enough.

Now, every great pyramid has

some type of statues in front of it, guarding the tomb. For mine, I would like two bronze statues – on the left, Harrison Ford in his "Indiana Jones" attire. And on the right, Brendan Fraser in his "The Mummy" attire. If for some reason it is impossible to find one of these statues, I suppose I can settle for a Nicolas Cage statue from "National Treasure" (but if it's from any of his other movies, then, again, I will haunt you, because "National Treasure" was literally his only good movie).

So if you follow these instructions closely enough, I promise I will have a happy afterlife. But if you don't, then you better call Ghostbusters, because I'm going to Paranormal Activity your poor mortal soul, and not even that tool from "Ghost Hunters" will be able to stand up to me.

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The Op/Ed Top Ten: Life disappointments

1. Accidentally killing your pet chinchilla
2. Dropping your ice cream cone
3. Mondays
4. Having nothing to live for
5. Ruining delicious food
6. Snagging your sweater
7. When none of the trends you start catch on
8. Falling asleep during a date
9. No snow on Christmas
10. Missing a radio shoutout

— Compiled by Nick Wojtasik and Clara Richter

Nick's Knack: Let's win



Nick Wojtasik
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

It is the fifth week of the semester. The weather has been decent for this time of year, but it's Cleveland and hasn't remained pleasant for too long. The general conditions of the world right now aren't the best and it's difficult to find happiness or success everyday. Fear not, where there is a will there is a way.

It has been almost a year since the epic Charlie Sheen interview came out where he claimed to have tiger blood and coined the term "winning." Most thought he was crazy. I thought, "This guy is on the same wavelength as I am!"

Now you think I'm crazy. What's new?

Winning is something that has existed long before Charlie Sheen. The winning lifestyle was a concept originally laid down by two of my best friends and me four years ago. Since we aren't internationally recognizable celebrities, only those in our high school knew of this philosophy. However, there have been innumerable winners throughout history. They are the people that have conquered life and become outrageously successful despite all hurdles encountered.

Being a winner requires no special genetic attributes or occupations. All you need is strong conviction and devout belief in and dedication to winning, even to the point of absurdity.

Some might think that winning is the same as being optimistic. While they follow the same principle, optimism is looking at the bright side or finding the best in a situation. Winning is much more extreme. You must not only find the best in a situation but find a way to win, a way to defeat any adversity and come out on top. You must live winning, not only think it.

When you become a winner you will most likely be questioned about your awesomeness by non-winners. It is important to understand that those who are not winners are not losers necessarily. They just aren't winners and thus, very normal. Losers do, however, exist. It is their choice to be a loser. Take Eleanor Roosevelt's word for it, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

The most elementary method of winning is carrying yourself like a winner. Everyone knows those people that walk around like they own the world. You don't need to know who they are or their story, but they radiate staggering positivity and power. You can have this radiance by thoroughly believing that nothing has power over you and that you can own the world.

Sometimes when a microorganism infiltrates my body and my immune system responds (most non-winners call this "being sick"), I deny being sick. Sickness implies weakness and weakness leads to loss. When I deny being sick, I take away all power from the sickness. If one's mental and spiritual power is dominated, then that person will most likely be defeated. Believing strongly enough that you are not sick will make you feel better and defeat the disease. It also helps to know that many symptoms of sickness are signs of your immune system being a boss and defeating the invaders.

One of the most difficult concepts for non-winners to understand is my most frequently recited treatises on winning: I win even when I lose. Even the best winners are defeated sometimes. When this happens, winners take that loss and find some way to benefit from it. If you fail a test or class, you can win by knowing what not to do again. You can win by not letting anything make you feel like you've lost and continuously bettering yourself physically, mentally and spiritually.

I'm sure you're asking how this all works? I don't have a definitive answer, but I can tell you that there is a strange metaphysical connection between one's mental state and happenings in reality. The power of thought is intangible but very real. There is the old saying, "what you think about, you bring about." If you don't believe that you are capable then what else do you have going for yourself? Decide how you want a situation or your life to turn out and believe that is the way it is or will be. This is how you win.

Be unconquerable, resilient and confident. Live what you want to become and believe that you are more powerful than any negative force imaginable. This is how you win.

Disclaimer: You should believe you have tiger blood, but doing the amount of drugs Charlie Sheen did does not make you a winner.

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Emily Gaffney
Editor in Chief

Bad decisions. We all make them, and sometimes they're unavoidable. Bad decisions are a fact of life, a part of the process of learning and growing up.

There are different types of bad decisions, too. Some are life-changing bad decisions, which substantially alter your life. Then there are the other bad decisions that make for a bad day, but don't cause too much damage. Bad decisions are inherently not good – obviously, they're called "bad" – but the one positive aspect is that they teach the decision-maker a lesson.

I've been lucky enough to not make any life-changing bad decisions yet, but I have certainly made my fair share of the lesser type of bad decisions. I don't regret them, however, because it seems to be the only way I really learn.

Others may try to tell me that a plan will backfire, or that my decision will have negative results, or that doing it another way would work better, but I don't always listen. Often, I think that my way will work just fine, or that I can deal with whatever could go wrong. Usually when something does go wrong it is exactly as people (like my parents) warned it would. It's more difficult to understand their

Graciously Gaffney: Trial by error

wisdom they try to impart upon me, if I don't experience it for myself.

I've been reflecting on some of these bad decisions and many are now quite funny. At the time, it ruined my day but with the distance of time, I can laugh at them.

For example, in high school, it's a tradition that the senior class takes a class picture together. The entire class is supposed to dress up for the picture and I chose my favorite crème-colored turtleneck sweater. That same day I had to be at school early for a meeting and, of course, needed coffee. My mother warned me to either leave the coffee or wear something over the sweater. I responded, "I'll be fine."

Surprisingly, I made it all the way to school without spilling anything on myself. However, in the middle of the meeting I spilled half of my coffee down the front of my beautiful sweater. I had to call my dad in a panic to bring me something else to wear. I should have listened to my mother. I now never drink coffee when I'm wearing white and always carry Tide to Go wherever I go.

Another time as a freshman at JCU, I was warned to not wear flip-flops because it was going to rain. I thought to myself, "Even if it does rain, I'll be fine." Thus, I wore the flip-flops anyway and it did rain. As I walked past the wall-length window of Einstein Bros. Bagels, despite my careful walking, I slipped and fell

flat on my butt. (And since it was the middle of the day, the counter behind the wall-length window was full.) It was painful and extremely embarrassing.

Last winter, I had an internship the mornings after deadline night for The CN. On one particular Wednesday, I didn't get out of The CN until 7 a.m. That meant I only had time to change clothes before I had to leave for work. It was also snowing that day, so when I told my mother I had no sleep, she told me to call in sick that day. I told her I couldn't and I'd be fine. She didn't need to worry.

Well, that was a bad decision, if I've ever made one. I was miserable the entire day, and felt a little sick. When I finally made it home at the end of the day, all I could think about was going to sleep. But, since it had been snowing, the driveway was covered and I couldn't get up the driveway. I also couldn't get down; I was stuck. In calling my parents to ask what to do, I did something I never do: cry. I was in tears for no reason – I could have avoided it all by just staying home and taking care of myself that day.

My bad decisions have made for some bad days, but from them I have learned to listen to advice when it's given to me, learn from past experiences, and always be prepared ... I've also learned to laugh at myself.

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Letter to the Editor

We are writing in response to "Core changes in the works," in the Feb. 9 issue of The Carroll News. The information presented in this article is outright wrong on some points and seriously misleading on others, beginning with its headline.

No changes to the core curriculum have been approved, nor are any "slated to occur," as your article misstates. Any change in the curriculum must be approved by a vote of the faculty. This has not occurred, nor have any specific proposals for core change even been put before the faculty. Rather, John Carroll has been engaged in a multi-year academic planning process, led by an Academic Planning Task Force (APTF) that is examining not only the curriculum but also four other aspects of academic life: advising, interdisciplinary and new program development, faculty work, rewards and recognition and excellence in teaching. The APTF Curriculum Working Group has indeed been examining the curriculum, including the core curriculum, but its work bears little resemblance to the ideas suggested in your article. In particular, the notion of "interchangeable" philosophy and religion courses mentioned in your article has never been voiced by any faculty group of which

we have been a part. Likewise, the APTF Curriculum group has not made any recommendations concerning FYS.

During this academic year, the APTF Curriculum group has been conducting a series of conversations with faculty in order to better understand their perceptions of what a 21st-century curriculum should accomplish, and how it can best do so. We understand that the student body may have valuable suggestions regarding our work. Members of the APTF Steering Committee do plan to have a series of information sessions after Spring Break to inform members of the JCU campus of the APTF process and accomplishments to date. These sessions will include students.

We welcome student engagement with academic issues, but such conversation needs to be based on a clear understanding of facts. This article contained no information provided by anyone directly involved with the curriculum planning process, nor did either of the reporters contact the director of the Core Curriculum. The Carroll News has done a disservice to the campus community by its misreporting on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

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